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Gully 2 - 2 Zebras
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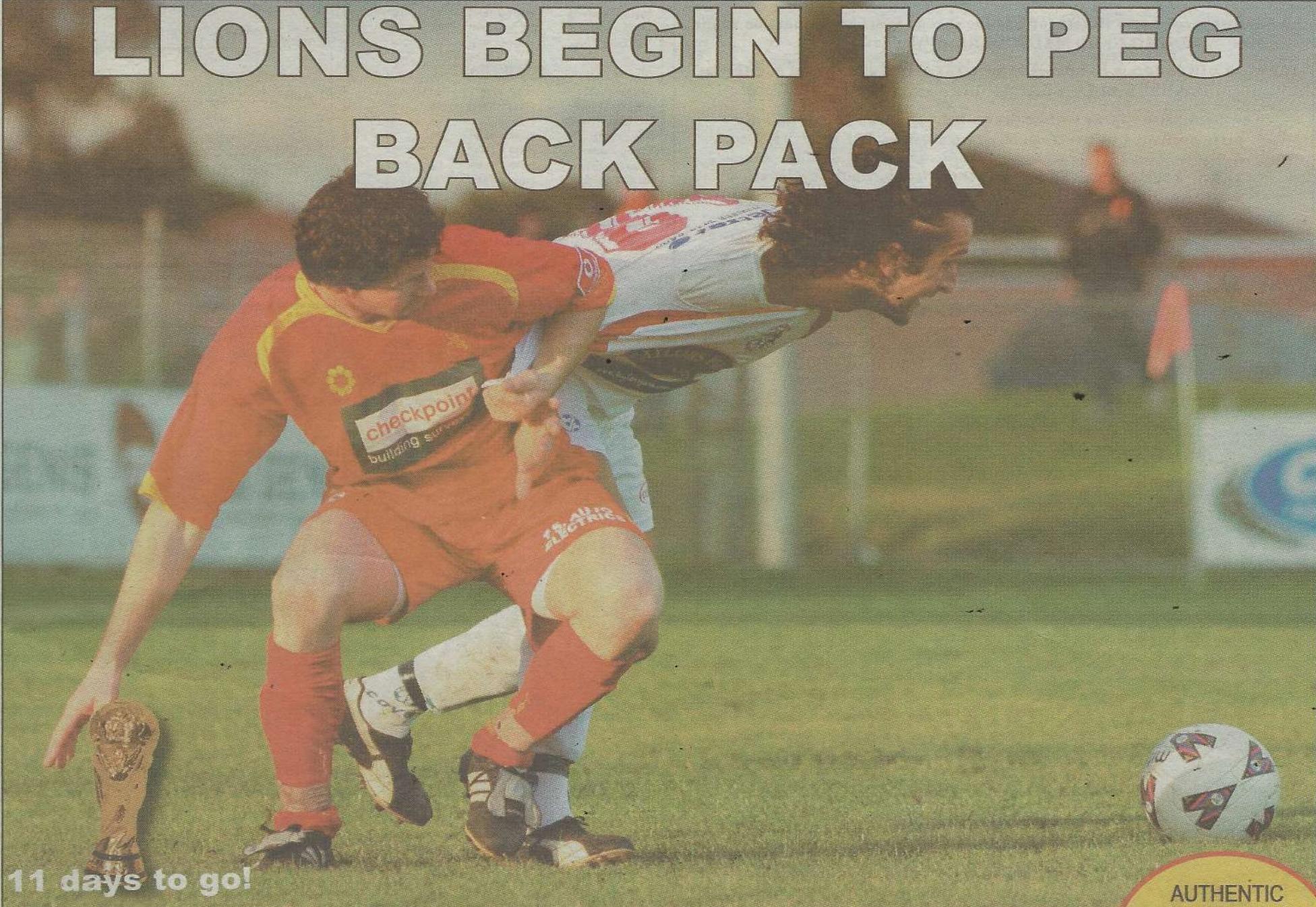


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'GOAL WEEKLY' ALL TIME SOCCEROO XI

NOMINATIONS

GOALKEEPERS

NAME	YEARS	APPS	GLS
Mark Bosnich	(1990 - 2000)	42	1
Terry Greedy	(1983 - 1985)	38	-
Jeff Olver	(1984 - 1989)	51	-
Jack Reilly	(1970 - 1977)	35	-
Mark Schwarzer	(1993 -)	37	-

DEFENDERS

Alan Davidson	(1980 - 1991)	76	2
Milan Ivanovic	(1991 - 1998)	71	-
Stan Lazaridis	(1993 -)	89	-
Craig Moore	(1995 -)	32	2
Steve O'Connor	(1979 - 1985)	42	3
Manfred Schaefer	(1967 - 1974)	73	1
Alex Tobin	(1988 - 1999)	113	1
Tony Vidmar	(1991 -)	90	3
Peter Wilson	(1970 - 1979)	115	3
Charlie Yankos	(1983 - 1990)	86	11

MIDFIELDERS

Marco Bresciano	(2001 -)	23	7
Oscar Crino	(1981 - 1989)	71	12
Harry Kewell	(1996 -)	20	6
Kenny Murphy	(1983 - 1986)	40	2
Ray Richards	(1967 - 1975)	60	10
Jimmy Rooney	(1971 - 1980)	99	6
Robbie Slater	(1984 - 1997)	37	1
Aurelio Vidmar	(1988 - 2001)	53	18
Paul Wade	(1985 - 1996)	115	11
Johnny Warren	(1965 - 1974)	62	9
Joe Watson	(1979 - 1986)	41	2
Ned Zelic	(1991 - 1999)	40	5

FORWARDS

Atti Abonyi	(1967 - 1997)	90	36
Adrian Alston	(1969 - 1977)	62	17
Graham Arnold	(1985 - 1997)	85	33
Ray Baartz	(1967 - 1974)	59	21
Frank Farina	(1984 - 1995)	67	14
John Kosmina	(1978 - 1988)	100	42
David Mitchell	(1981 - 1993)	41	13
Mark Viduka	(1994 -)	34	6

YOUR SELECTIONS

GOALKEEPER

DEFENDERS

MIDFIELDERS

FORWARDS

YOUR DETAILS

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AGE: _____

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DEANO DUMPED BY EAGLES

In another exclusive coup, dumped Vodafone Cup coach, Dean Hennessey, took the time to talk to Goal! Weekly and dispel any of the rumours surrounding his termination. Here Deano sets the record straight.

What's actually happened?

I have to confirm that I did get the sack last Monday at training. It is hurtful and disappointing, but unfortunately it's the reality of the game.

Do you think the decision was justified?

Regrettably, we have a habit in Australia of changing our coaches far too frequently and this cannot be good for the stability of the game. I am the 7th coach in the Premier League to lose their job with only half the games played for one reason or another.

Do you think the club panicked a bit with so many points to play for and by no means the club being way off the pace, even though it currently lays bottom of the table?

I am proud to have got the Richmond Eagles FC to the Premier League last year, particularly with the club having tried to achieve this status for the last 43 years. I am also very proud of what Jimmy McBride (Assistant Coach) and I have created this year. The results have been no reflection of the performances, but as we all know, it is a results oriented business.

You are right in commenting that at the time of departure we are only 6 points from the Top 6 with 12 rounds to play, so I am very disappointed in

the fact we haven't been given the chance to complete the job we have started.

Has this whole episode taking you by surprise?

I am very surprised, as the club had not discussed this situation with me at all until last Monday, so I honestly didn't see it coming. Maybe that's naive, but we as a club set out together at the beginning of pre-season to build a young side for the future and really our aim was to establish ourselves in year one.

Do you think you had a squad capable of avoiding the drop?

We have the youngest squad in the league at an average age of 22 years old, and there are 15 new players in a 19 man squad from last year. We also started the season with 5 away games due to the ground development, which is not an easy start for any new team.

We have also set up a reserve team that is also the youngest in the league, and is currently 1st on the table, so in truth, I felt the future was bright, as I played 4 of those boys against Melbourne Victory two weeks ago.

Do you believe you were hard done by?

To be 3 points away from 3 clubs above us, and only 6 points separating 9 clubs, I feel the decision regarding my termination has been one of panic. This league is going to be a week to week proposition, and the league positions will change each week, and it is those who keep the nerve that will



do all right.

I understand the need and want to stay in this league, and I know that this group of players are not only good enough to stay in the league, but also capable of a finish in the top 6.

Why?

Because we have played well in 12 of our 14 games so far, with the exception of the South Melbourne 2:1 defeat and also the Oakleigh 5:2 defeat (having led 2:1).

So although the table doesn't lie, since

this is one of the tightest leagues for many years, we were very close to getting it right.

Where to now for Dean Hennessey?

Life now goes on, and I hope for all concerned at Richmond that they do well and move forward. I will take time out to reflect, and hopefully get back into the game when the right opportunity becomes available in the future.

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SHORT PASSES

Championship chasing Altona Magic coach Kenny Murphy will need to test the depth of his squad over the next few weeks as members of the Paisley Park outfit will be unavailable for selection.

Levent Osman recently married and will be away on his honeymoon, whilst Alfonso "Fonzie" Opaz caught the World Cup bug and left for Germany for the next five weeks. Said Kenny, "All of a sudden we've gone from having a very stable team to looking to make a few changes. I've got a big squad and that's why they're there. It gives everyone a chance over the next few weeks to stamp a claim".

Goalkeeper Bojo Jevdevic was missing from Friday's starting line-up in the big match against Kingston and Tomi Razov had to come off with a knee injury and could possibly be in doubt for this week's derby against Preston Lions.

Meanwhile, South Melbourne will have to make do without veteran forward Vaughn Coveney as it prepares for its match against Fawkner/Whittlesea tonight.

After some solid performances for South lately Coveney has once again been called up for international duty. Coveney was set to join his New Zealand teammates in Switzerland as it provides some final sparring for World Cup favourites, Brazil, in a friendly. Tonight's Fawkner/Whittlesea versus South Melbourne takes place at Epping Stadium and Kick-Off is at 8.15pm.

Richmond's playmaker Graham Hockless suffered a knee injury in the weekend's match against Frankston Pines. After only recently returning to the side after a hamstring the coaching staff at Kevin Bartlett Reserve hope it's nothing too serious as the club bids to pull out of the relegation zone.

PRESIDENT'S LUNCH



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Monday 29 May



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VODAFONE CUP DETAILS



ROUND 14 SCOREBOARD

KINGSTON CITY 0 – 1 ALTONA MAGIC
 Friday 26th May The Grange Reserve Crowd: 1000

Goals: S.Becvinovski (AM) 16th.
 Yellow cards: P.Koutsopoulos (KC) 2nd, I.Arsovski (AM) 70th.
 Red cards: None.
 Kingston: D.Zilic, S.Iosifidis, C.Anthopoulos, M.Stergiopoulos, J.Di Iorio (X.Xhang 58th), P.Koutsopoulos, A.Kiratzoglou, D.Tsiaras, M.Curcija, J.Spiteri (C.Konstans 90th), J.Latinopoulos.

Magic: J.Cvetkovski, S.Mrkela, D.Mladenovic, K.Delev, K.Delev (A.Opazo 92st), D.Vasilevski (A.Sherifovski 61st), S.Becvinovski, T.Razov (I.Arsovski 17th), P.Cergovski, I.Razov.

ESSENDON ROYALS 0 – 1 MELBOURNE KNIGHTS
 Friday 26th May Veneto Social Club Crowd: 1500

Goals:
 Yellow cards:
 Red cards:
 Royals:
 Knights:

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FRANKSTON PINES 1 – 1 RICHMOND EAGLES
 (HT 1-1) Saturday 27th May Monterey Reserve Crowd: 500

Goals: B.Oucin (FP) 9th, J.Robinson (RE) 16th min.
 Yellow cards: S.Cluskey (RE).
 Red cards: None.
 Pines: K.McIvor, D.Craig, M.Anderson, B.Cullen, C.Leopold, C.Jones (C.Stewart 66th), C.Metcalf (L.Tairi 87th), B.Oucin (T.Malcolm 70th), N.Waite, T.Psonis, J.Cummings.
 Eagles: R.Simioni, S.Webster, S.Burton, J.Baskerville, S.Cluskey, E.Karavitis ((D.Visevic 71st), B.Beni (N.Bahnsen 87th), T.Celenatno, V.Korcarevski, G.Hockless, J.Robinson.

PRESTON LIONS 3 – 1 SUNSHINE GEORGIES
 (HT 2-1) Sunday 28th May BT Connor Reserve Crowd: 2500

Goals: F.Richards (SG) 5th, N.Lazarevski (PL) 8th, E.Kerahan (PL) 30th, J.Saparovski (PL) 84th.
 Yellow cards: F.Richards (SG) 36th, A.Tsitsakis (SG) 41st, B.Gilmour (SG) 48th, D.Delic (SG) 52nd.
 Red cards: None.
 Lions: S.Ozdemir, Z.Younan, L.Anastasiou, T.Devrimol, B.Gorgioski, G.Petrovski (J.Saparovski 61st), N.Lazarevski, A.Magnacca, M.Gasparis, E.Kerahan.
 Georgies: M.John, A.Tsitsakis (A.Gauci-Seddon 82nd), E.Muscat, C.Azzopardi, D.Rocco, D.Delic (V.Trpceski 61st), R.Napoli (T.Waterson 54th), B.Gilmour, I.Erdogan, F.Richards, M.Draycott.

GREEN GULLY 2 – 2 BULLEEN ZEBRAS
 Sunday 28th May Green Gully Reserve Crowd: 1000

Goals: M.Sanders (GG) 13th & 22nd mins, R.Antoniadis (BZ) 20th min, B.Harbinson (BZ) 85th min.
 Yellow cards: D.Tartaglia (BZ) 78th, M.Sanders (GG) 90th.
 Red cards: None.
 Gully: P.Schwalger, R.Vargas, P.Ricobene, D.Fak, Z.Markovski, J.Flemming, B.Vassallo, R.Ollerton, A.Vargas, R.Cardozo, M.Sanders.
 Zebras: T.Kovar, R.Antoniadis, D.Tartaglia, S.Drakos, M.Mazzini, D.Gulielmi, A.Drakos (D.Diemonte 55th), P.Kotsopoulos, C.Emsovska (A.Fedijevic 46th), B.Celeksi, B.Harbinson.

HEIDELBERG UNITED 0 – 0 OAKLEIGH CANNONS
 Sunday 28th May Olympic Village Crowd: 2000

Goals: S.Petrovic (HU) 27th min, N.Marinos (HU) 60th & 64th mins, A.Pelikan (OC) pen 59th min.
 Yellow cards: G.Goutzioulis (OC) 38th, N.Marinos (HU) 60th, A.Gjuni (HU) 76th, T.Oularis (HU) 78th, S.Petrovic (HU) 84th, K.Brown (HU) 90th.
 Red cards: None.
 Bergers: L.Acevski, E.Vassiliadis, D.Jones, A.Gjuni, T.Oularis, K.Brown, S.Petrovic, N.Sabljak, A.Vlahos (Y.Yusuf 87th), N.Marinos (J.Tricarico 90th).
 Cannons: S.Webster, F.Rosman, A.Kovacic, S.Poutakidis, A.Pelikan, A.Ewin, S.Webster, C.Boutsianis, J.Nilo (G.Giannou 87th), E.Masi, G.Goutzioulis (T.Vulivuli 67th).

TONIGHT'S GAME

FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA.....SOUTH MELBOURNE
 Epping Stadium
 KO 8.15pm
 Goals:

Yellow cards:
 Red cards:

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VODAFONE CUP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Oakleigh Cannons	14	9	3	2	29	16	30
Kingston City	15	8	4	3	25	14	28
Altona Magic	15	7	6	2	20	12	27
South Melbourne	13	7	2	4	21	15	23
Bulleen Zebras	14	6	4	4	15	16	22
Melbourne Knights	14	5	5	4	20	17	20
Heidelberg Utd	15	5	5	5	22	22	20
Essendon Royals	15	4	5	6	15	19	17
Preston Lions	15	4	5	6	25	30	17
Fawkner Blues	14	5	1	8	26	29	16
Sunshine Georgies	15	4	4	7	18	21	16
Frankston Pines	15	4	3	8	15	24	15
Richmond Eagles	15	2	6	7	17	27	12
Green Gully	13	2	5	6	14	20	11



VODAFONE CUP RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond SC	14	9	3	2	31	12	30
Green Gully Cavaliers SC	13	9	3	1	28	12	30
Fawkner-Whittlesea SC	14	7	3	4	23	18	24
Preston Lions SC	14	7	2	5	25	25	23
Sunshine Georgies SC	13	7	1	5	40	20	22
Altona Magic SC	15	7	1	7	30	26	22
Essendon Royals SC	15	6	3	6	20	24	21
Bulleen Zebras SC	14	6	2	6	21	26	20
South Melbourne FC	11	5	3	3	22	15	18
Oakleigh Cannons SC	13	4	4	5	24	21	16
Melbourne Knights SC	14	4	1	9	16	33	13
Heidelberg United SC	12	3	3	6	16	24	12
Kingston City SC	15	3	3	9	20	40	12
Frankston Pines SC	15	3	0	12	18	38	9

Essendon Royals 1
 Melbourne Knights 1

Kingston City 2
 Altona Magic 3

Frankston Pines 0
 Richmond 2

Preston Lions 1
 Sunshine Georgies 0

Green Gully 1
 Bulleen Zebras 1

Heidelberg United
 Oakleigh Cannons

Fawkner-Whittlesea
 South Melbourne

VODAFONE CUP ROUND 16

OAKLEIGH CANNONS

v

FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA

Friday 2ND June

Jack Edwards Reserve,

Oakleigh Mel: 60 H9

KO 8:15pm

RICHMOND EAGLES

v

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

Friday 2nd June

Kevin Bartlett Reserve,

Richmond Mel: 59 K8

KO 8:30pm

FRANKSTON PINES

v

GREEN GULLY

Saturday 3rd June

Monterey Reserve,

Frankston Mel: 99 K8

KO 3:00pm

PRESTON LIONS

v

ALTONA MAGIC

Sunday 4th June

BT Connor Reserve,

Reservoir Mel: 18 B2

KO 3:00PM

SUNSHINE GEORGIES

v

ESSENDON ROYALS

Sunday 4th June

Chaplin Reserve,

Sunshine Mel: 26 G12

KO 3:00pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE

v

KINGSTON CITY

Sunday 4th June

Bob Jane Stadium

Albert Park Mel: 2K F6

KO 6:00pm

BULLEEN ZEBRAS

v

HEIDELBERG UNITED

Monday 5th June

Veneto Social Club,

Bulleen Mel: 32 D9

KO 8:15pm

VODAFONE CUP LEADING GOALSCORERS

Becvinovski, Saso
 Altona Magic SC 10

Curcija, Michael
 Kingston City SC 10

Magnacca, Anthony
 Preston Lions SC 8



VODAFONE CUP

Round 15



WARRIORS SILENCE THE CANNONS

BERGERS BOUNCE BACK AFTER DERBY DEFEAT

Heidelberg Utd 3 - 1 Oakleigh Cannons

Former Oakleigh player Nick Marinos led the Heidelberg Warriors to a convincing 3-1 defeat of league leaders Oakleigh Cannons at the Olympic Village on Sunday night.

Under constant drizzle, the Cannons struggled to match their opponents and fell to just their second defeat of the season.

The game followed a difficult couple of weeks for the Oakleigh club following the tragic loss of striker Peter Kakos. Both sets of players and fans honored his memory with a minute's silence before kick-off.

Oakleigh began in a positive manner, finding space down the flanks with full back Sam Poutakidis looking to push forward on the overlap.

Their first chance came from a Con Boutsannis cross from the left flank which striker Juan Nilo headed narrowly over the bar in the 12th minute.

A defensive error then gifted Nilo's strike partner Esala Masi with a shot from outside the box which he blasted well over.

The Bergers midfield gradually began to assert itself.

Heidelberg midfielder Tony Oularis missed an excellent chance when he miss timed a header from a Nick Sabljak free kick in the 22nd minute.

The Berger's opening goal came minutes later when another set piece involving a Sabljak free kick resulted in a fine headed goal by a diving Sebastian Petrovic.

The goal proved a tonic for the Bergers as they took increasing control of the game.

Oakleigh defender Sam Poutakidis's timely intervention in his own box robbed Andy Vlahos of an excellent chance to stretch the Warriors' lead following excellent approach play by Eric Vassiliadis and Nick Marinos.

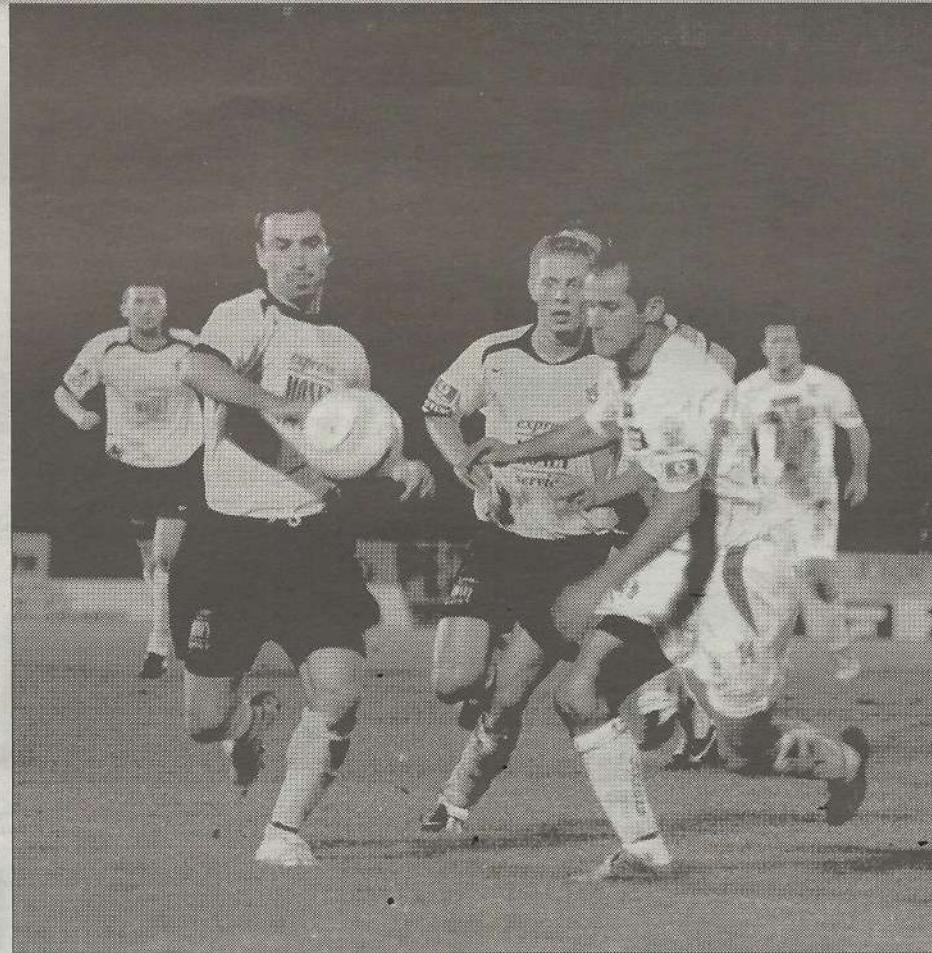
Oakleigh's best chance in the first half came from a corner just before the break when George Goutzioulis's goal bound shot cannoned off a Berger's defender away for a corner.

Hard working Berger's midfielder Petrovic almost scored his second just before the break when he pressured Cannon's keeper Stuart Webster into making an error. Webster's rushed clearance rebounded off Petrovic onto the crossbar and away to safety.

The pace of the match stepped up in the opening 20 minutes of the second half.

Masi played in Goutzioulis in the 54th minute, but his shot went wide of the far post without troubling the keeper.

Minutes later, Goutzioulis again ran onto a long through ball into the box and won a pen-



alty when he drew a foul from Daniel Jones. Anthony Pelikan scored the equalizer from the spot for the Cannons.

The Bergers responded in the best possible way with a goal of their own when ex-Oakleigh striker Marinos cut in from the right flank and rifled a shot past Stuart Webster to make it 2-1.

The constant drizzle made for increasingly difficult conditions and

Goutzioulis's errant back pass led to a Marinos interception and his second goal of the game gave the Bergers a two goal cushion in the 63rd minute.

Andy Vlahos provided good support for Marinos and scored a goal himself in the 90th minute only for the referee to rule it offside.

All in all it was a thoroughly deserved result for the Bergers, if an understandable one given the disrupted preparation at Oakleigh during the last couple of weeks.

By George Stogiannou

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Nick Marinos
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VODAFONE CUP

Round 15



CHAMPS HIT ROCK BOTTOM

ZEBRAS NICK POINT AFTER GULLY DOMINATES

Green Gully 2 - 2 Bulleen Zebras



A LAST-gasp header from Ben Harbinson helped Bulleen to a point in a 2-2 draw with Green Gully on Sunday.

The Zebras came from behind twice to force the draw after it seemed for most of the second half that the Cavaliers would pick up a much-needed victory.

Matthew Sanders scored twice for Gully, while Ross Antoniadis found the score sheet in the first half before Harbinson struck for his fifth of the season for the Zebras.

Green Gully started like a team desperately needing the three points, and its early enthusiasm was rewarded in the first 15 minutes when Sanders opened the scoring.

After a sustained period of pressure the home side received a corner which was expertly taken by Andy Vargas.

The low dipping cross was met by Sanders, whose header took a deflection and rolled into the back of the net.

Bulleen's response was typical of a team at the top end of the table, and it almost equalised through Ben Harbinson after Gully midfielder Jeffrey Fleming attempted to head back to 'keeper Pasi Schwalger.

It did find the leveling goal only five minutes after going behind, from a perfectly constructed free kick.

Full back Antoniadis was in best position to latch onto the cross, before sweetly timing a header which gave Schwalger no chance.

Despite the setback, the Cavaliers failed to drop their heads and took the lead a second time just two minutes after the equaliser.

A searching run from Fleming down the left flank landed at the feet of Sanders, who had made an ideal position in the six-yard box, and the youngster made no mistake with the tap in.

Bulleen had another chance to score on the half hour mark when Green Gully failed to clear its defensive lines, but there was no way through for the visitors, who went into the break a goal down.

It was a cautious start for both sides at the start of the second half, but it did not take long for the contest to heat back up.

The referee issued the game's first yellow card when Brandon Vassallo was brought down by Dean Tartaglia 20 minutes after the break, but the ensuing free kick came to nothing.

A few minutes later the home fans were sent into

raptures after Fleming appeared to be felled inside the penalty area by Zebras goalkeeper Tomas Kovar.

But the referee decided in favour of the visitors and the scoreline remained.

The home side continued to create chances, and with less than 15 minutes remaining Vargas found himself with time and space in the box, but he had his powerful shot brilliantly saved by Kovar's outstretched left arm.

Just as the Cavaliers looked safe in possession and headed for the points, Bulleen again pulled level with just five minutes remaining when Harbinson latched onto a long ball from Dean Tartaglia.

The header looped over the head of Schwalger, who was fractionally off his line, and helplessly into the back of the net.

Gully had another golden opportunity to score before the final whistle, but an Andy Vargas shot cannoned into the cross bar and was swept away from danger.

By James Taylor



Charlie Farrugia
President, Green Gully:

We are bitterly disappointed because we had the game in our hands for 86 minutes...we were stupid and silly enough to open up and keep attacking in the last five minutes and we copped a goal...we should have won the game, but we didn't. When you're down that's how it goes and things are not running for us this year.

Michael Michalakopoulos:
Coach, Bulleen Zebras:

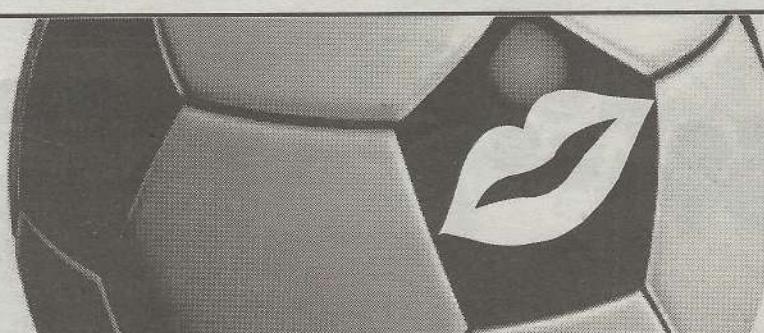
It was always going to be a difficult game seeing as we had a couple of players injured. If you look at the whole ninety minutes Green Gully were probably unlucky not to win this game...but we kept plugging away and the boys didn't give up. In the end we got a point away from home and we're quite happy with that.

Man of the Match
Matt Sanders
(Gully)



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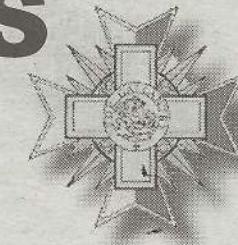
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Round 15



LIONS MAKE VICTORIOUS HOMECOMING

PRESTON'S CLIMB BEGINS



Preston Lions 3 - 1 Sunshine Georgies

Preston Lions sounded out a warning to the rest of the Vodafone Cup that its season was back on track and picking up momentum as it disposed of the Sunshine Georgies by 3-1 at Connor Reserve yesterday.

The Preston Lions returned to its spiritual home after some four months where its ground was in such a state following attacks by local birdlife that it was unplayable and had to be completely re-laid and allowed to regrow in some areas. Preston's committee and the local council should be warmly praised for the time and effort they have put into fixing the ground up.

The game started with a bang, Sunshine left the blocks and were all over the Lions for the first few minutes and in the fourth minute of play they were rewarded when a ball breaking to Fidell Richards rebounded off a defender, fell back at the feet of Richards where he unleashed a thunderous strike which gave the Lions' young keeper Savas Ozdemir no hope as it whistled into the net. Sunshine continued to attack in waves and Preston was a little rattled by the fast passing of the Georgies and again in the sixth minute Fidell Richard cracked a thunderbolt of a shot and the young Lions Keeper covered himself in some glory with a save out of the box to deny Richards.

This save was to prove vital as just a few minutes later Fidell Richards lost possession in his own half of play and a quick transfer saw the ball played into Nick Lazarevski who made no mistake guiding his shot past Sunshine custodian Martin John to square the ledger at one apiece. Play ebbed and flowed with Sunshine unable to recreate the play of the first ten minutes and Preston grew in confidence as they took over the proceedings. Former Sunshine player Marinos Gasparis was having a picnic in the middle of the park and was orchestrating everything that was good for the Lions. Sunshine simply afforded Gasparis too much space and he used it to perfection. Preston took the lead from a corner in the 30th minute when a corner was floated across from the grandstand side of the ground and an unmarked Erhan



Karahan rose majestically to nod the ball powerfully into the far post.

Sunshine needed to lift in the second half and Georgies coach Joe Montemurro began to shuffle his pack in an attempt to spark something from his troops, but it did not eventuate. Sunshine's lack of vision, poor passing as well as some good play and hustle from the Lions was frustrating the Georgies. The third, a killer blow for the Lions, came when a ball was played over the top of two Sunshine defenders who had opportunity but failed to clear the ball. Johnny Sapasovski ran onto the ball and Martin John hared out of the goal to make a play on the ball but Sapasovski squeezed the ball past him and another desperate lunge by a defender and the ball kept rolling into an empty net much to the delight of the home support.

The game petered out and Preston on the day were deserved winners because they were hungrier for the ball and a little crispier with their play. After 10 minutes Sunshine lost all composure, cohe-

Goran Lozanovski
Coach, Preston Lions:

It was a battle today. It probably wasn't pretty football, but it was a good battle. We went 1-0 down and the boys showed some good character to get up and close the game off. It was a good result in the end. As long as we can win next week now in the derby it will set us up nicely for run in to the rest of the season

Fab Incantaloupo
Asst. Coach, Sunshine Georgies:

Unavailable for comment

Man of the Match
Marinos Gasparis
(Lions)



sion and will really need to go back to the drawing board. Preston next week will be welcoming Altona Magic to the BT Conner reserve in what is always an eagerly anticipated derby clash while the Georgies will entertain the Essendon Royals in what will be a crunch game for both sides who find themselves in the middle of the table.

By Reuben Schembri



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SHINING KNIGHTS LEAVE ROYALS IN THE DARK

VICTORY TAKES PRESSURE OFF BISKIC

Essendon Royals 0 - 1 Melbourne Knights



The Melbourne Knights' recorded their first win since round 10, disposing an insipid Essendon Royals outfit 1-0 at the Veneto Club on Friday night.

Both teams began the round 15 fixture on equal points (17), but the disparity between the two teams was more than goal difference on Friday night, as the home-side put in a lack lustre performance devoid of any creativity.

It all went pear shaped for the home-side within 3 minutes of play, after Andrew Barisic slotted the game's only goal for the evening. Ryan Caseys' cross from the left was flicked on by a Nathan Caldwell header, to an unmarked Andrew Barisic at the back post. From 10 metres out, Barisic drilled his shot low and hard into the bottom upright, which sent the ball ricocheting off the post and over the goal line to give the visitors the early lead.

For the next half an hour of play, the Roy-

als' defence were under siege, with a number of Knights' players peppering the goals of Royals keeper, Marko Sutalo. Mistakes began to riddle the Royals outfit, as more than once they gifted the Knights with opportunities. Fortunately for the home-side, the visitors lacked the prowess in front of goals to extend their lead.

Credit must be given to the Knights, as their intensity and harassment off the ball forced the Royals to play a disjointed system depended upon wishful long balls. Royals danger man Henry Fa'Arodo was totally isolated up front, as the diminutive striker kept dropping back into midfield in effort to spark his side. Whilst on the other end of the park, Knights live wire Dario Matkovic was proving to be more of a handful for the Royals defence.

The only half chance the Royals created was a deflected long range strike just past the half hour mark. The Knights should

have extended their lead just before the break as a neat one-two between Matkovic and Caldwell sliced open the Royals defence, however Matkovic's final effort lacked the venom to trouble Sutalo. The Royals looked a bit more organised in the second half, but failed to stretch the Knights with any imagination. The Knights should have sealed the game in the 67th minute after bullocking run and pinpoint cut back by Caldwell to Matkovic, which literally exposed the Royals goal. From 5 meters out, Matkovic basically missed an open goal, much to the disbelief of the travelling supporters.

The Knights had a few more half chances to finish off the game, but failed to finish where it matters the most. The Knights' wastefulness in front of goal almost came back to haunt them in injury time, as a Royals cross penetrated deep inside the Knights defence, and was almost latched onto by the home-side.

The Knights were deserved winners, and had a point to prove according to their sweeper Tommy Milardovic.

"We have been written off by a lot of people, but we stuck together. Biskic has backed us all week, and told us "That the results will come if we believe in each other." ... We really worked hard for each other."

I guess that was the difference between the two teams

By Bruno Zovko

David Winton
Coach, Essendon Royals:

I think in the first half we were totally outplayed, physically out-muscled and were fortunate to be only 1-0 down. I was pleased we showed some character and determination in the second-half. I don't think we particularly threatened the Knights, but we did well to improve our game in the second-half and certainly matched them and made it a contest... Knights were the deserved winners in the end.

Joe Biskic
Coach, Melbourne Knights:

All my players stood up for themselves and showed they wanted to win. I knew it was going to be tough, but we needed that win desperately and everyone understood our situation. We tried hard and put a lot of pressure on Essendon. It was probably our best performance over the last three weeks. We are a creative side and created a lot of chances, but I still think we're lacking the confidence to finish things off. I'm hoping this game is the one that turns things around and we can start establishing ourselves in the top six.

Man of the Match
Andrew Barisic
(Knights)



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MAGIC KNOCKS OFF MILLIONAIRE CLUB



KINGSTON SUFFERS FIRST HOME DEFEAT FOR SEASON 2006

Kingston City 0 - 1 Altona Magic

Altona achieved a Vodafone Cup first at Grange Reserve on Friday night, handing Kingston City their first home defeat of the season. Sash Beccinovski's first half strike the difference between the sides in a commanding shutout by the Altona defence.

It was the Magic who took the initiative from kickoff, with harder running off the ball in the opening stages, and clean passing through the middle of the park. In the opening minute of the contest Altona midfielder Tomi Razov was brought down by Peter Koutsopoulos, and stayed down with an injury to his left knee. Koutsopoulos was yellow carded by referee Perry Muir for his tackle, Razov only able to last seventeen minutes before being substituted for Igor Arsovski.

But in his limited time on the park, Tomi Razov proved particularly dangerous, with the first clear cut chance in the seventh minute. Koce Delev released Razov wide on the left side of the Kingston penalty area, but Reds goalkeeper Daniel Zilic held an ambitious attempt from Razov to beat him at his near post.

Altona continued to attack and opened the scoring in the 16th minute, leaving the usually reliable Kingston defence in their wake. Tomi Razov beat the offside trap and faced a one-on-one with Zilic, but instead of shooting he opted to pass to Ivan Razov on the overlap out to the left. Ivan Razov's attempt to find the net slid across the face of goal, to an unmarked Sash Beccinovski. With the goal at his mercy, Beccinovski put Altona 1-0 up with a textbook side footed finish. Altona maintained their momentum, resulting in an attempt on goal from Beccinovski in the 25th minute. Turning Kingston defender Steve Iosifidis at the top of the penalty area, Beccinovski forced a diving save from Zilic, low to his left. Kingston failed to match Altona's pace and pass-



ing through the middle of the park in the opening half, and it showed in terms of scoring chances. The closest the Reds came to finding the net a header high and wide from Michael Curcija, after he rose to meet a Jim Latinopoulos cross in the 31st minute.

Kingston started the second half with more attacking endeavour, earning a series of free kicks from wide areas. But the Altona defence remained largely untroubled, marshalled by Steve Mrkela and Levent Osman. In the 54th minute a mad scramble across the top of the Altona area fell kindly for Joe Di Iorio, whose thumping right foot shot was blocked by a selfless Daniel Vasilevski; who dived in front of the ball.

At the other end Beccinovski continued to trouble the Kingston defence, outmuscling Con Anthopoulos and releasing Koce Delev down the right flank in the 68th minute. Delev cut in late, but on a tight angle for a right footer, blazed his shot wide to the near side.

Xiaobin Zhang had looked a class above with his hard running and precise passing, entering play as a substitute on the hour mark. He al-

most gave Kingston a spectacular equaliser in the 72nd minute, ending a dashing run with a 25 yard piledriver from downtown. The dipping shot flew just over the bar, a deflection resulted in a corner from which Kingston were unable to continue the attack. Kingston again turned to Zhang in the 89th minute in their search for an equaliser. Standing over a free kick from similar range to his earlier strike, Zhang's curling shot was held comfortably by Magic goalkeeper John Cvetkovski.

Altona's win moves them to 27 points on the Vodafone Cup table, but they remain in 3rd place, one point behind Kingston on 28. Altona face a difficult trip to BT Connor reserve against a resurgent Preston Lions in round 16, Kingston will be hoping to replicate the 3-0 drubbing they handed South Melbourne in round three, only this time at Bob Jane Stadium.

By Teo Pellizzeri

George Kitsakis
Coach, Kingston City:

It's a cruel game sometimes. We had a lot of possession, we penetrated well, they seem to play a typical Aussie Rules style of play and flooded the backline. They made it really hard for us to break them down. To their credit they did very well in defending, but I've never seen such a one sided game, in terms of possession in the VPL this year.

Ken Murphy
Coach, Altona Magic:
I was extremely happy with our first half. With a bit of better luck or quality we could have sewn it up by half time. We created some good chances in the second half too, but in the end we just hung on. Kingston are a very good side and they pushed us...they gave us a bit of a working over in the second half, but we defended extremely well. Last year our defence let us down, but this year we've got the best defensive record in the league.

Man of the Match
Sash Beccinovski
(Magic)



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EAGLES PLAY SAME OL' TUNE FOR STUBBINS

CHANCES GO BEGGING AT PINES AS MATCH ENDS ALL SQUARE



Frankston Pines 1 - 1 Richmond Eagles



A 1-1 draw was all that could be mustered at Monterey Reserve on Saturday between the lowly ranked Frankston Pines and Richmond.

The pair slogged out a lackluster tie which tested players and spectators alike.

Both goals came early in the first half, depriving the remainder of the clash of much excitement.

Richmond started the better of the two, catching Pines on the hop in the opening minutes until Boris Ovcin's ninth minute strike put Pines in front.

Cameron Jones, one of Frankston's more successful recruits for 2006, crossed to Ovcin who controlled the ball well and beat Richmond keeper Robbie Simioni with his shot.

Richmond quickly responded though with James Robinson leveling in the 16 minute. Robinson's original cross rebounded back to him and he made no mistake in finishing.

Robinson continued to cause problems for Pines throughout the first half as did Graham Hockless who forced a some good saves from Pines keeper Kieran McIvor. Veton Korcarevski's close range shot was also well covered by McIvor whose performance has steadily improved throughout the season.

Pines also had their moments, at one stage Jones, Cameron Leopold and Tas Psonis combined to build an authoritative attack,

but it was ultimately to no avail. A lack of basic discipline let both sides down and led to countless turnovers throughout the game. Both teams bunched, ignored easy options and lacked basic control of the ball, contributing to frantic yet unspectacular football match. As the game progressed the possibility of a goal from either team seemed more remote. Richmond looked the more likely but ultimately lacked the impetus to finish. Both sides looked tired by the 65 minute,

perhaps a consequence of the number of turnovers.

Pines and Richmond both have the capacity to overcome top sides and both had considerable depth on their respective benches on Saturday. Yet both put in performances well below their own standards.

Steve Burton's strike proposed the greatest danger for Pines when his long range shot clipped the cross bar in the dying minutes. Noel Bahnsen and Daniel Visevic had a positive impact for Richmond when subbed and could have possibly come on a bit earlier to liven up the attack.

Richmond sensibly went to Frankston wanting to match their opponents physically, and to a large degree they did that, namely through Stuart McCluskey, but they didn't do enough on the ball to grab what would have been a handy win for them.

Pines on the other hand have got a bit of soul searching to do over the coming weeks as they were relying on three points this round to keep them clear of the cellar. Pines have had an unsettled first half to 2006, coaching changes and recruiting difficulties alike, but now need to consolidate what they have got if they are to avoid relegation let alone vie for a finals berth.

A forgettable game yielding each side a point that may yet prove vital in this tightly contested league.

By Jason Gillick

Adam Jamieson
Coach, Frankston Pines:

It was a shocking game of football and both sides should be happy to come away with a draw. The effort was there, but the football we played was very ordinary. It was pretty disappointing, but we came away with a point so we can't complain.

Phil Stubbins
Coach, Richmond Eagles:
For the full ninety minutes I don't think I could have got any more out of the players. It was definitely two points lost down there. We let ourselves down with the final pass that presented itself in front of goal and managed not to take it. On the positive side we dominated the game and created many opportunities to score...on the negative side we never got our just reward out of the game.



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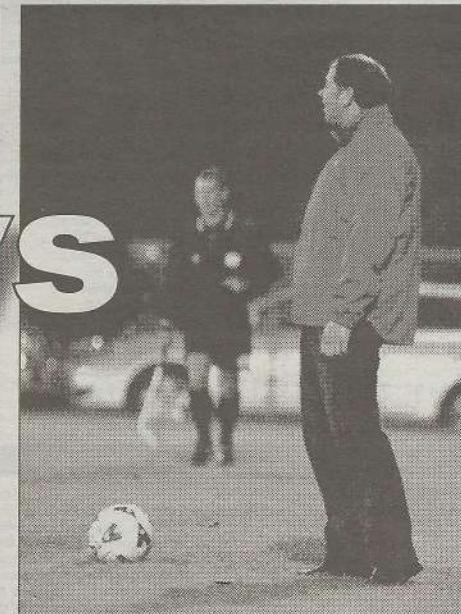
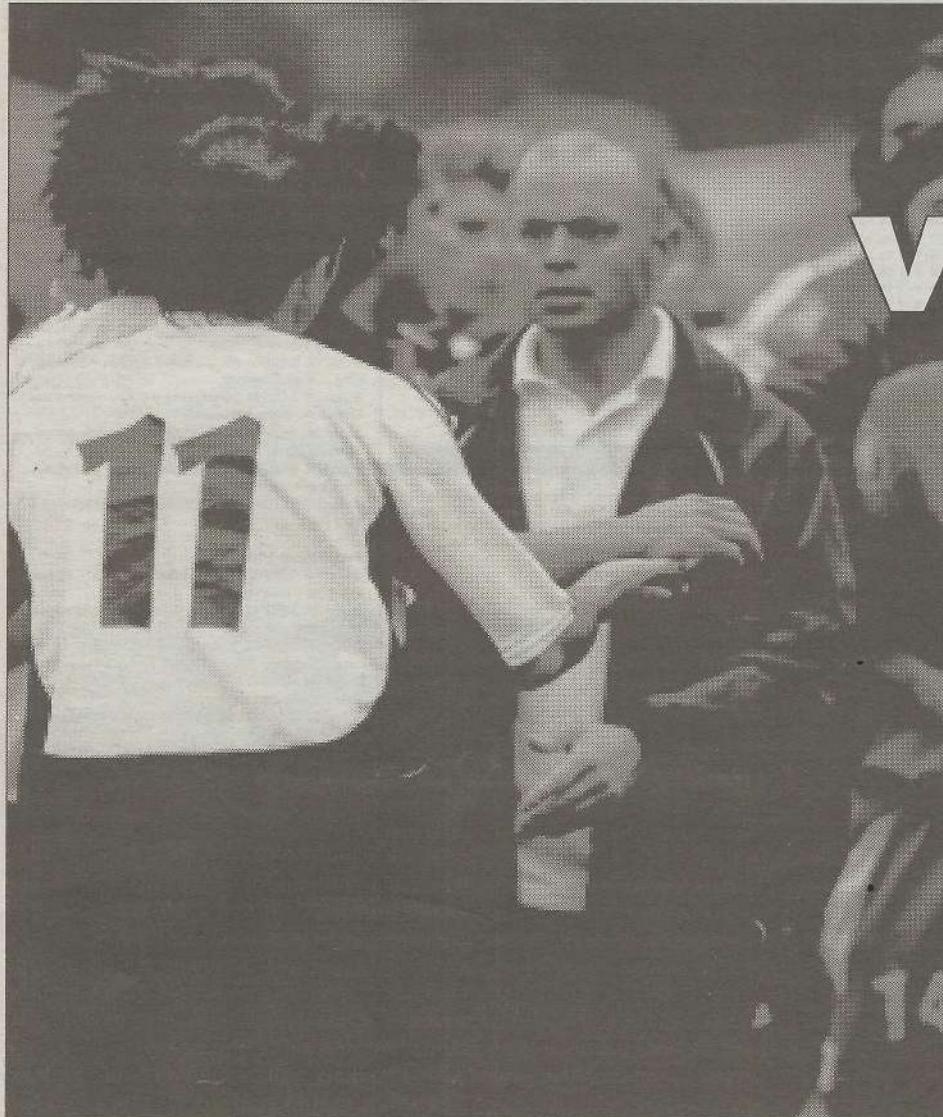
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BATTLE OF THE BLUES SET FOR EPPING



Fawkner-Whittlesea vs South Melbourne



Monday night football brings together two teams experiencing contrasting fortunes in this season's Vodafone Cup as Fawkner/Whittlesea prepares to entertain South Melbourne at Epping Stadium. South Melbourne will be looking to continue its excellent form of the previous month and collect all three points against an inconsistent Fawkner/Whittlesea side, who despite being the second highest scorers in the Vodafone Cup with 26 goals this season, have also seen 29 go in at the other end.

Fawkner will be hoping to keep a clean sheet for only the second time this season. South will be looking to cement their place in the top four after a great derby win against arch rival Heidelberg United last weekend.

Its performance in that game was probably one

Tony Ciancer
Asst. Coach, Fawkner Blues:
"After a great result against Altona the boys are pretty fired up to make it two in a row. Our preparation has been quite good this week and we are really looking forward to the big match against South."

John Anastasiadis
Coach, South Melbourne:
"It's going to be a difficult game, there's no doubt about that. We've had our fair share of problems away from home this year, but we've been playing some good football lately and hopefully we can carry on the good work tonight and get a result. Fawkner are coming off a good win and Epping is always a difficult place to go for us to go, but I'm confident we can do the job."

of the best it has produced this season and coach John Anastasiadis will be hoping that his side will continue in that vein.

Fawkner youngster Ricky Chillico will be looking to continue his Man of the Match performance of last week and lead his team to victory and perhaps give his side the impetus it needs if it is going to challenge the top sides towards the end of the season.

Fawkner will have to be on its best defensive behaviour if it desires to cause the upset of the round against an improving impressive South Melbourne side.

MONDAY MATCH STATS

Recent form HOME	FW	SM
Recent form AWAY	W-L-L-W	W-W-W-W
	W-L-D-L	D-L-L-L
Next info is based on last 50 matches		
Home win	47%	68%
Home draw	11%	16%
Home lost	42%	16%
Home goals	1.95 PM	1.9 PM
Away win	38%	30%
Away draw	29%	26%
Away lost	33%	44%
Away goals	1.71 PM	1.08 PM

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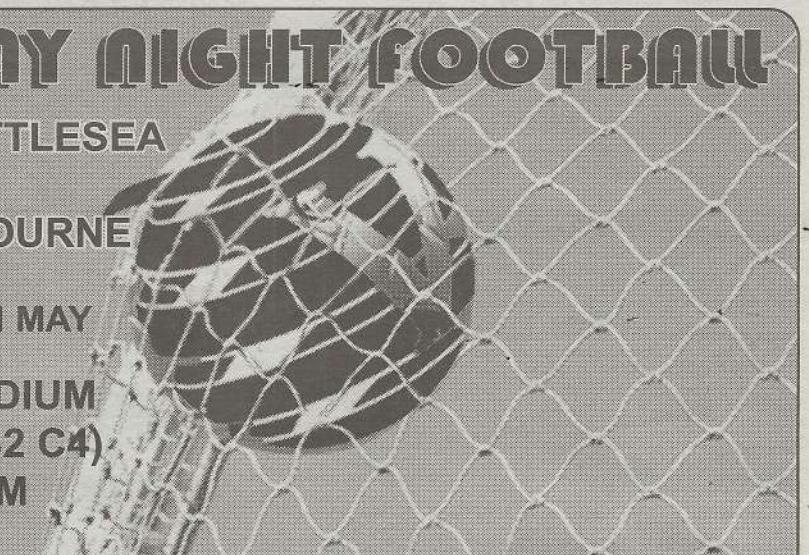
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STATE LEAGUES


Seniors
NORTH WEST 2
Reserves

Williamstown 4 (N Milenovic 2, B Pajic, V Babic) Maribyrong Greens 1 (M Smajkic) (HT: 0-0), Banyule City 0 Lalor United 1 (Z Matioski) (HT: 0-0), Altona City 0 Pascoe Vale 0 (HT: 0-0), Westvale Moreland City 3 (R Marcen 3) (HT: 0-2), Keilor Park 2 (N Miloski, S Mussel) Thomastown Devils 0 (HT: 0-0), Westgate 4 (S Babulj 2, P Prodanovic, J De Bono) Yarraville Glory 0 (HT: 1-0)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Pascoe Vale SC	8	6	2	0	16	3	20
Westgate FC	8	5	1	2	17	9	16
Lalor United SC	8	5	1	2	13	7	16
Altona City SC	8	5	1	2	11	8	16
Williamstown SC	8	5	0	3	12	5	15
Keilor Park SC	8	4	2	2	16	14	14
Maribyrong Greens SC	8	2	2	4	9	15	8
Banyule City SC	8	2	1	5	14	17	7
Thomastown Devils SC	8	1	4	3	5	8	7
Yarraville Glory FC	8	1	4	3	5	13	7
Moreland City SC	8	1	1	6	5	12	4
Westgate SC	8	1	1	6	10	22	4

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Keilor Park SC	8	4	3	1	18	9	15
Maribyrong Greens SC	8	3	3	2	14	11	12
Yarraville Glory FC	8	3	2	3	10	11	11
Westgate SC	7	3	2	2	11	11	11
Thomastown Devils SC	8	2	4	2	11	11	10
Altona City SC	7	2	3	2	6	5	9
Banyule City SC	8	1	1	6	7	19	4
Williamstown SC	8	0	3	5	12	20	3
Westgate FC	8	0	2	6	6	14	2

Seniors
NORTH WEST 3
Reserves

Western Eagles 0 Lalor 3 (S Binos, S Arico, R Carmignani) (HT: 0-0), Sunbury United 4 (V Ierardo 2, V Kalayci, A Lejacak) Ballarat Soccer Club 1 (J Hekkema) (HT: 1-0), Corio Albion Rovers 0 (HT: 0-0), La Trobe University 2 (L Lidestri, D Tasevski) North Sunshine Eagles 4 (G Musila, C Macedo 2, R Evangelisti) (HT: 0-2), Werribee City 2 (M Collins, K Kalayci) Sydenham Park 0 (HT: 2-0), Geelong 1 (D Maglowski) Geelong Rangers 2 (S Davison, NT Madzikanda) (HT: 1-1)

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Werribee City SC	8	8	0	20	2	24	
Sunbury United SC	8	6	1	1	7	6	19
Geelong Rangers SC	8	5	1	2	17	7	16
Corio SC	8	4	2	2	11	9	14
La Trobe University SC	8	4	1	3	18	15	13
Albion Rovers SC	8	3	2	3	17	12	11
Ballarat Soccer Club	8	2	3	3	9	12	9
Lalor SC	8	2	2	4	10	14	8
Sydenham Park SC	8	2	1	5	12	21	7
North Sunshine Eagles SC	8	2	0	6	12	25	6
Western Eagles SC	8	2	0	6	4	18	6
Geelong SC	8	1	1	6	11	17	4

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La Trobe University SC	8	5	0	3	17	13	15
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Reserves

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Hume United SC	7	4	1	2	20	8	13
Darebin United SC	8	3	4	1	15	7	13
Elwood City SC	8	4	1	3	20	14	13
Glenroy SC	8	3	3	2	14	11	12
Avondale Heights SC	7	2	3	2	15	9	9
Melbourne City SC	8	1	1	6	16	9	4
Brimbank SC	8	0	0	8	4	25	0
Mill Park SC	8	0	0	8	4	38	0

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Darebin United SC	8	2	2	4	15	30	8
Laverton Park SC	8	2	1	5	7	19	7
Melbourne City SC	8	0	3	5	12	24	3
Brimbank SC	8	0	3	5	9	30	3
Mill Park SC	8	0	1	7	8	30	1

Seniors
PROVI 2 NORTH WEST
Reserves



STATE LEAGUE ONE

Round 8



Controversy surrounded Friday night's game between Port Melbourne and North Coburg United as both sides continued their recent run of positive results with a 3-3 draw at Anderson Reserve.

The first contentious moment arrived after only five minutes when Port Melbourne were handed the opening goal of game with Michael Miskas converting from the penalty spot after the assistant referee had adjudged Adam Kose of handling the ball. However, it was questionable whether Kose was inside the area or the ball had even made contact with his arms.

There was no doubting the legitimacy of Port Melbourne's next goal five minutes later when Evan Papadopoulos doubled the Shark's advantage after rounding one North Coburg defender before launching from 25 meters.

The North Coburg coaching staff would have been excused for believing that this wasn't going to be their night, but Tavas Saglam's boys began to match it against their opponents and they were rewarded for their efforts when, in the 20th minute, Mustafa Mustafa pulled one back when North Coburg were awarded a penalty of their own, and then ten minutes later an Alexander Josifovski volley brought parity to the score line.

Frank Bazzano went close to handing United what would have been an unimaginable lead heading into halftime but his strike cannoned off the crossbar. Buoyed by their performance towards the end of the half, the visitors came out of the blocks from the restart with their tails up and it took just ten minutes before North Coburg edged their noses in front when former Preston Lion Steve Manceski scored after getting on the end of a Mustafa cross.

More controversy brewed after 65 minutes when it appeared that Manceski was brought down by Port keeper Steven Wardle after the playmaker had made a play around him but the referee waved play on and the home side were fortuitous to have remained with 11 players on the park. Drama followed with Port Melbourne awarded a free kick on the edge of the penalty area; Papadopoulos notching his second of the evening and leveling the score at three a piece.

"It was a very quick game, both halves, it was very high tempo, it was (like) a Premier League game," said Saglam. "We were in shock with the start obviously with the penalty going against us and we didn't recover and we were two-nil down very quickly. So we came back very well from two-



State League 2 action between Knox City and Clifton Hill

nil down to three-two so I was happy with that. "I thought Port Melbourne played well as well, they created chances and they did well to get a point. But overall, for the game in terms of clear-cut goal scoring opportunities we had twice as many chances as them, so we are creating chances. But having said that we need to get on some kind of a run on because we believe we've got the squad to do very well."

The Sharks remain in front of North Coburg in the league standings. But both stay ahead of Altona East Phoenix and Northcote City after they played out a scoreless draw at Paisley Park Reserve on Saturday.

The score line shouldn't have surprised given that Altona East and Northcote have only scored ten goals between them this season. The Phoenix have registered only one goal in their previous five matches while Northcote aren't

treading any better with only a single goal in four outings. Brunswick City recorded their second win in as many weeks when they overhauled a two goal deficit to defeat bottom placed Dandenong 3-2 at George Andrews reserve. Dandenong raced to a two-goal lead through Jamie McMinneme and Festim Zekirija before a mix up in the Dandenong defensive line allowed Con Vouloumanos to peg a goal back for City. Vouloumanos added a second goal moments later after some individual brilliance on the left of midfield before hitting the roof of the net from an acute angle. James Sherman wrapped up the three points for the visitors after a free kick was awarded in the 80th minute when Dandenong's Mentor Memeti was sent off.

Langwarrin was cruelly denied victory over ladder leaders Western Suburbs at Lawton Park Reserve when a late Leandro Rizzo goal cancelled out an earlier strike from Caleb Nicholls.

With Zoran Todorovski finding space on the left his cross was met by Rizzo who headed into the bottom left hand corner of the net just seconds before the referee blew his whistle to signal full time.

Nicholls' goal, his fifth of the season, came after 70 minutes. But unfortunately for his side, Langwarrin was unable to get the three points that would have had them momentarily in top spot. For Suburbs, it was their fourth game without defeat.

"I think the point was a fair result. I thought we dominated large parts of the game but they (Langwarrin) probably had the better chances throughout the game, but certainly a draw was the fair result," said Western Suburbs coach Mike Chatzitirfonas.

"I think overall in general, we're getting better (as a side) we've got a lot of new players who have been added to the squad and I've always maintained as the season goes (on) we'll get stronger and better."

That result left the door ajar for the Springvale White Eagles to displace Suburbs at the top of the table and they duly delivered with a powerful 3-0 win over the undefeated North Geelong Warriors in a late Saturday kick-off at the Serbian Sports Centre.

With the game level at half time, the match turned on its head after 65 minutes when a Haris Vrbovac own goal gave the White Eagles the advantage. A double to Nikolas Papadopoulos proceeded to wrap up the contest.

By Chris Vernuccio



STATE ONE SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Springvale White Eagles SC	8	5	1	2	12	10	16
Western Suburbs SC	8	4	2	2	7	6	14
Langwarrin SC	8	3	4	1	15	9	13
Brunswick City SC	8	4	1	3	18	19	13
North Geelong Warriors SC	7	3	3	1	18	12	12
St. Albans Saints SC	8	3	3	2	11	8	12
Port Melbourne Sharks SC	8	2	3	3	11	12	9
North Coburg United SC	7	2	2	3	11	8	8
Altona East Phoenix SC	8	1	5	2	4	5	8
Northcote City SC	8	2	2	4	6	13	8
Bentleigh Greens SC	8	1	4	3	12	11	7
Dandenong Thunder SC	8	1	2	5	6	18	5

Port Melbourne 3
(E Papadopoulos 2, M Miskas)
North Coburg United 3
(A Josifovski, M Mustafa, S Manceski) (HT: 2-2),

Dandenong Thunder 2
(F Zekirija, J McMinneme) Brunswick City 3
(C Vouloumanos 2, J Sherman) (HT: 2-2),

Langwarrin 1
(C Nicholes)
Western Suburbs 1
(L Rizzo) (HT: 0-0),

Altona East Phoenix 0
Northcote City 0 (HT: 0-0),

Springvale White Eagles 3
(N Papadopoulos 2, Own Goal)
North Geelong Warriors 0
(HT: 0-0),

Bentleigh Greens 0
St. Albans Saints 0 (HT: 0-0)

STATE ONE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong Thunder SC	8	6	0	2	21	6	18
Springvale White Eagles SC	8	5	2	1	19	11	17
Western Suburbs SC	8	5	1	2	16	8	16
Langwarrin SC	7	4	2	1	22	12	14
Brunswick City SC	7	4	1	2	17	12	13
Northcote City SC	7	4	1	2	17	12	13
Bentleigh Greens SC	8	2	2	4	11	18	8
St. Albans Saints SC	7	2	1	4	10	16	7
Port Melbourne Sharks SC	7	2	0	5	13	20	6
North Geelong Warriors SC	7	1	2	4	13	18	5
Altona East Phoenix SC	8	1	2	5	8	21	5
North Coburg United SC	6	1	0	5	6	19	3

Port Melbourne 4
North Coburg 1,

Dandenong Thunder 2
Brunswick City 3,

Langwarrin 0
Western Suburbs 2,

Altona East Phoenix 1
Northcote City 1,

Springvale WE 2
North Geelong 1,

Bentleigh Greens 1
St. Albans Saints 0



STATE LEAGUES



**BIG CROWD WATCHES
VALLEY DEFEAT ROVERS**

**Doncaster Rovers 0
Diamond Valley 1**

Anderson Park had its largest crowd of the season when Doncaster Rovers hosted Diamond Valley in Melbourne's other big game of the week on Friday night.

Both clubs are well in the mix for promotion and turned on a great exhibition of attacking soccer, with Valley winning by the only goal of the game. Coach Frank Binyazar was ecstatic afterwards, "This was our toughest test so far and the team came through with flying colours, any side that can take points from Doncaster at home can be well pleased". Both sides went out to play attacking football and both defences worked hard to contain their opponents. Chiaravalle and Macincovic gave little scope to Valley's Murat and Cameron, while at the other end Davie, Kara and Laing gave little away to Stefanidis and McAleer. Valley came closest to scoring in the opening part when Court

headed narrowly past from a Giuliano free-kick. Santoro made several runs down the right which caused problems for the Valley rearguard. Giuliano had a free-kick well saved by Clarke and then Rovers forced 3 corners in a row - Ardesi's last effort hit the far post, a lucky escape for Valley. Valley hit back through Cameron who was stopped by a desperate tackle by Vlahos. Marco Santillo came into the game and in spite of some close attention from the home defence put in some dangerous balls across the Rover's penalty area. McAleer looked dangerous whenever Rovers went forward and as the fog closed in, half-time came with the game tied at 0-0. Both sides came out with all guns blazing at the resumption. Unwin led the way for the valley and at the other end Augustine moved quickly to fist away an Ardesi free-kick. Love was just off target for the visitors and McAleer's header from a Santoro corner shaved the upright. Shaun Wilhelm came on for Unwin and immediately made his mark down the right wing, but it was the Rovers who almost scored with desperate work from Davie and Laing foiling McAleer. The deadlock was broken in the 75th minute, when Love slipped a lovely ball to Wilhelm who took two steps and hit a rocket shot into the net giving Clarke no chance.

The last part of the game were frantic as Rovers search desperately for an equaliser, whilst Valley pushed for its second. No further goals and Augustine denied Rovers with a quality save right on the bell. An excellent game from two sides vying for promotion.

Valley's reserves again disappointed going under to a 3rd minute goal. At least there were no cards this week.

Next week Valley are at home to Chelsea with another home game to Clayton, before an away match against Southern Stars to complete the first round.

By Gordon Kirkwood

**WANDERERS BACK ON
WINNERS LIST**

**Waverley Wanderers 1
Stonnington City 0**

Waverley Wanderers held off Stonnington City to record a 1-0 victory at Carlson Reserve. It was a nervy start for the home side as Stonnington opened the better and clearly indicated they had come to take it right up to Waverley.

Quick passing and penetrating runs through the midfield were causing Waverley a lot of early problems. Stonnington were desperately unlikely not to have scored on 15 minutes when a golden opportunity went begging. With only the keeper to beat, a shot on goal agonizingly came back off the post and into the desperate arms of a scrambling Jim Kourtsis.

Waverley gradually made their way back into the match and on the stroke of half time took the lead. Striker Andrew Strelas was awarded a free kick in a dangerous position just outside the penalty box and fellow strike partner Mark Panaghis stepped up to expertly convert the kick. His left foot cracker sailed into the top right hand corner of the net and gave the Stonnington keeper no chance.

In the second half both sides squandered some good opportunities to score with the best of which falling to Waverley.

However, coach John Kennedy would no doubt have been pleased with the performance of Waverley's defence for keeping another clean sheet. Brett Roberts & Perry Kapetanas lead the charge as they held off a fast finishing opponent and maintain the best defensive record in the league.

Next week Waverley Wanderers host Clayton in another local derby.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT
with MARIA KATSIDIS**

Well, my expedition began today for my new article at none other than the club that my brother plays for, the Frankston Pines. As a new recruit into the Goal Weekly Newspaper I began my own article every week testing the food and its facilities including the staff service for each of the clubs in the Vodafone Cup.

Quite to my own excitement of being European and testing food, it was like a perfect task that Costa could have given me.

So, I drove down to watch the Frankston Pines versus Richmond Eagles soccer match on a mission to test the food and on a very hungry empty stomach.

The first thing that I ordered was for breakfast which was a very nice egg and bacon roll, which at a very cheap \$3 as opposed to what you could pay at other places like café's I was wrapped in the time that it took to satisfy my hunger pains, with other participants watching the game also giving the thumbs up to the roll. The next thing to try on my menu only a small 20 minutes later was a bucket of chips, (out of a decision of eating, chips, a hotdog, a hamburger, potato cakes, dimsums, and a ham and salad roll) which I found them to be not too salty and not too bland and still a small \$3 which satisfied my appetite for maybe 15 minutes, only because I felt it was my duty to eat as much as I could, and stuff my face to let anybody who reads this, an idea on what they are up for if traveling to watch a Pines home game. The food which was quite filling to eat, and the weight that I put on for Goal Weekly readers lead my ambition to once again visit the canteen for now a delicious hamburger and a soft drink for my lunch, which, can I just say made me very excited to see whether the staff could make it to my very high standards of a hamburger. Satisfied as I was I give the overall variety a 7/10.

As an insight into this mission it was my duty on behalf of the general public to test the staff service at the Frankston Pines Football Club. Much to what I had expected from the staff at Frankston who are all volunteers greeted and served every person at the game equally and fairly with no discrimination against the other clubs. The friendliness of the canteen staff and the attitude that they maintained was none other than a friendly gesture of "hello, what would you like?" and depending on whether you are a friendly person or not, you could have a conversation with their staff so easily because they all are dedicated to the club. My overall rating was 8/10.

The next part of my mission was to survey the food variety and choices and whether or not it was made pronto or you missed half the game to get a hamburger. I must say "Pronto" is and service is exactly what you got from this club, I observed ¾ of the people who went to the canteen to line up, even though Frankston don't bring in to much of a crowd because of their distance and what I would call its isolation from the other Vodafone Cup clubs, their "Pronto" service for me was 10/10, and as impatient as I can be very much be and so can many other people reading this article, I wanted my food hot, fast, cheap, and satisfying.

Too any body that has an average family of four my estimated cost for you is \$25 with everyone eating and drinking quite happily, my overall rating for the pricing 8/10. I walked away happy, full, heavier than usual, but wanting to always go back for more. I give the Pines an Aristos "thumbs up" and congratulations on satisfying a short, chubby Greek girl who loves her food; I can't wait till next week to test another club, "I LOVE FOOD".

By Maria Katsidis

THIRDS AND MASTERS LEAGUES

THIRDS SOUTH

White Star Dandenong 4 South Eastern United 4, Southern Suburbs 2 Riversdale 0, Sandringham City 9 Carrum Utd 3, Berwick City 1 Springvale City 2, Dandenong Thunder Doveton

THIRDS SOUTH EAST

Caulfield Grammarians 2 RMIT Redbacks 2, Richmond Rangers 2 La Trobe University 2, Old Xaverians 2 Mooroolbark 13, Clayton Old Melburnians, Croydon City 0 Brighton 5

THIRDS EAST

Monash Uni 0 South Yarra 2, Oakleigh Cannons 4 Old Trinity Grammarians 1, Waverley Wanderers Doncaster Rovers, Central Park Rangers 1 Boronondara Lions 1, Mitcham Utd 2 Ashburton 3

THIRDS NORTH

Preston Lions Reservoir Strikers, Brunswick City 1 Watsonia Heights 0, La Trobe University 2 Thombury Utd 0, Moreland Wolves 2 Moreland Utd 7, Moreland City University Of Melbourne

THIRDS NORTH WEST

Westgate Care Park Hoppers Crossing, Reservoir Strikers 2 1 Meadow Park 1, Avondale Heights 1 Westvale 3, Brunswick Zebras 1 Melbourne University Rangers 1, Essendon Utd Altona City

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Springvale City SC	6	5	1	0	22	13	16
Dandenong Thunder SC	5	5	0	0	27	6	15
Doveton SC	5	4	1	0	17	3	13
Berwick City SC	6	3	0	3	16	6	9
White Star Dandenong SC	6	2	1	3	28	20	7
Sandringham City SC	5	2	0	3	17	18	6
Riversdale	5	1	0	4	5	9	3
Southern Suburbs SC	5	1	0	4	3	24	3
South Eastern United	3	0	1	2	6	15	1
Carrum Utd	4	0	0	4	7	34	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mooroolbark SC	6	6	0	0	38	8	18
Brighton SC	5	5	0	0	32	5	15
Richmond Rangers SC	6	3	0	3	12	22	9
Old Melburnians SC	5	2	1	2	16	10	7
RMIT Redbacks 2	5	2	1	2	14	12	7
La Trobe University 2	6	2	1	3	16	16	7
Clayton SC	4	2	1	1	13	15	7
Croydon City	6	2	0	4	15	21	6
Caulfield Grammarians 2	5	1	0	4	5	19	3
Old Xaverians SC	6	0	0	6	9	42	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oakleigh Cannons SC	5	5	0	0	34	8	15
Waverley Wanderers SC	4	4	0	0	25	2	12
Doncaster Rovers SC	5	4	0	1	25	9	12
Ashburton SC	5	4	0	1	18	11	12
South Yarra SC	6	3	0	3	19	9	9
Boronia Lions FC	5	2	1	2	11	9	7
Central Park Rangers SC	6	1	1	4	11	21	4
Mitcham Utd	6	1	1	4	8	22	4
Monash Uni	6	1	1	4	5	25	0
Old Trinity Grammarians SC	6	0	0	6	6	26	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland Utd	6	4	2	0	24	10	14
La Trobe University SC	5	4	1	0	20	7	13
Reservoir Strikers SC	5	4	0	1	21	9	12
Moreland City SC	5	3	1	1	15	10	10
University Of Melbourne	5	2	1	2	12	11	7
Brunswick City SC	6	2	1	3	7	10	7
Watsonia Heights SC	6	2	1	3	8	12	7
Moreland Wolves	5	1	0	4	8	22	3
Preston Lions SC	5	1	0	4	5	19	3
Thombury Utd	6	0	1	5	4	14	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Westgate Care Park SC	5	4	1	0	15	2	13
Hoppers Crossing SC	5	4	0	1	24	10	12
Altona City SC	5	3	2	0	19	11	11
Reservoir Strikers 2	6	2	2	1	18	13	9
Melbourne University	6	2	2	2</			

SMOKE ENDS IN YOUR EYE, AS WE WAVE OUR LAST GOODBYE

It may be stating the bleeding obvious, but one thing the FFA can be sure of is that the Socceroos currently enjoy an unprecedented level of support in this country as they head to Germany. From a marketing point of view, Thursday night's event at the MCG was an almost perfect farewell. Everything went according to the FFA's script. An MCG filled to capacity with 95,103 spectators, surely unprecedented for a friendly match, and a peak SBS television viewing audience of 2.37 million. The result itself also added to the Socceroos lustre with their impressive display graced by Josip Skoko's "dream" goal.

Former Socceroo midfielder and current Altona Magic coach, Ken Murphy said of the event, "The spectacle was fantastic. For soccer to fill the MCG is great. You know what was pleasing as well? The amount of people in the crowd of Greek heritage, who had Greek scarves on and Australian strips. At least they've got something to follow - they've got two teams. I think it's fantastic whereas 15 years ago, it was all common with Greece, or with Yugoslavia, or Croatia or Scotland. Now people are starting to get affection for us. That was great as well. I enjoyed last night. It was great."

When the final whistle blew at the MCG on Thursday night, the contrasting emotions of both sets of players was plain to see. The Australian players hugged and congratulated each other on a job well done. With their spirits on high, the team set off on a half stroll, half canter, for a lap of the MCG, reciprocating the applause of a crowd that had just witnessed a successful dress rehearsal prior to the Socceroos appearance on the biggest sporting stage of all.

The majority of the Greek team on the other hand, trudged off the pitch towards the players' tunnel located at the opposite end of the stadium to where their most fervent fans, the Blue and White Army sat behind one of the goals. Just four members of the Greek team, Giorgios Samaras, Trainos Dellas, keeper Antonios Nikopolidis and Stylianos Giannakopoulos ran to the Blue and White Army end to applaud the worshipping fans, as the others disappeared down the tunnel.

On Greek talk back radio the following morning, many callers, presumably older Greeks, couldn't hide their disappointment with the Greek players, with one caller saying "they left like thieves without so much as a thank you."

"They played with the technical and tactical sophistication of a European team."

Others viewed the Greeks as suffering from the malaise that afflicts the modern game worldwide...the corporate values of modern football.

If the game ended on a low note for some of the Greek fans, it began on a high note for all the Australian fans. Some would claim Australia won the psychological battle before a ball was kicked during the battle of the National Anthems. In a masterstroke, the FFA recruited a Ned Zelic look-alike to sing the Greek National Anthem.

Ned warmed the crowd up but another Australian Idol, Anthony Callea, whipped it into a frenzy with a rousing crescendo ending in a deafening roar on the last syllable of Advance Australia Fair, backed by a choir of 95,000.



...And don't come back unless it's with the cup!

Little wonder, the Socceroos opened with an intensity and pace that surprised the Greeks. From the outset their approach was more serious than a mere tune-up or sparring session, and they were determined and purposeful in their attacks. But it wasn't just their athleticism that impressed. They played with the technical and tactical sophistication of a European team. They used their new look 4-2-3-1, formation to good effect, with the midfield particularly impressive. Jason Culina and Vince Grella showed a sureness of touch, and an accuracy and range in their passing that must have impressed the fans. Josip Skoko reveled in his attacking midfield role and rewarded his coach's decision to include him in the starting eleven with a goal which Greek coach Otto Rehhagel later described as a "dream goal".

Former Socceroo, Ken Murphy was one of those who was impressed with what he saw. "What is pleasing to see is the development of the game in the country. When I played, it was all about us being physical and competitive with overseas teams. Yesterday, Australia kept possession. They just looked like a team that was in total control. The whole game they knocked it around. Then in the second half, Greece got more competitive and put themselves around, but Australia was still good enough to keep possession. So it's good to see the table's turned... It's good to see Australia doing so well."

Whilst most of the Socceroos looked very composed, Zeljko Kalac and Mile Sterjovski were perhaps the two who looked a little less assured than the others in the starting eleven, as though suddenly being thrust into the limelight had unnerved them ever so slightly. At the post match conference, coach Guus Hiddink was reluctant to criticize the performance of any of his players. When asked about Kalac's performance, he said, "I don't want to judge personally my players, because now after a game of course I have my ideas, but

I want to stick to a very good analysis to make without any emotion on the DVD. So I don't like to make or express a personal analysis."

Sterjovski got through a lot of work, playing high up the park on the right flank and switching frequently with Marco Bresciano. He was always going to be under the microscope as Hiddink's pre match plan was to attack down the right flank where he had identified a weakness in the Greek defense.

Some of the commentators had billed the match as a tactical battle between two master coaches.

When a reporter asked Greek coach Otto Rehhagel at the post match conference, whether he thought Australia had won the tactical battle, Rehhagel replied through an interpreter, "It wasn't the tactics which decided the result today. It was that the Australians were more aggressive, won more of the tackles and scored a sensational goal." Rehhagel crossed his forearm across his chest and shook his fist as he spoke, to emphasize the strength and determination of the Australians. He added, "The Australians deserved the result, the aggression of the Australians was far more evident than our players. I think [our players] were already looking forward to going on their holiday."

Coach Hiddink told the gathered media throng, that he felt there were many good things about the Socceroo's performance, particularly in the first half when he felt the team controlled their opponent, and were well organized offensively and defensively. But, he added, "I think we have to improve (before the game against Japan). It seems a little bit pessimistic, but that's not true, because we are consistent... So it's 70% which I'm happy with. But we have to work on the rest. Details, nothing more. But it's the details which games are decided on at an international higher level." He explained that he wasn't as pleased with the second half performance against the Greeks. In particular, giving away possession of the ball. "I think we were too

eager not to play with the pace of the game once we had the ball. We lost it too early with a straight pass, instead of a diagonal pass, and losing in one or two passes again possession. It sort of makes you feel like you have to work a lot defensively, and to again keep possession in the first pass."

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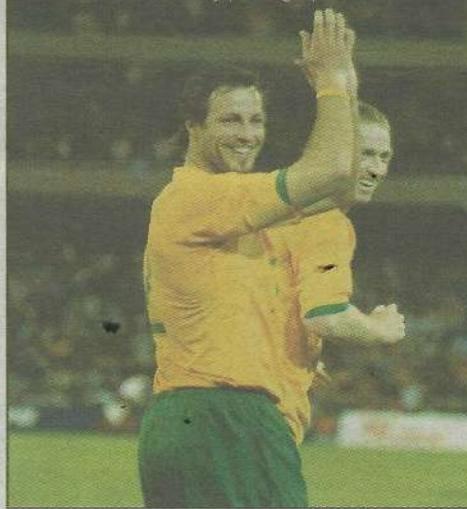
He also emphasized the need to further develop physical conditioning before the World Cup begins. "We made some stray passes which we were overdoing in possession, when we got caught in our own danger zone. If you do those sloppy things, due to lack of top shape at the moment, then you get caught against teams that are very very eager."

The coach ended the conference by reminding the assembled media scrum, "I hope you thank in my name the Australian public for the support they have shown this team in the lead up to the World Cup."

And then he disappeared deep into the bowels of the MCG to board the team bus. Most of the players were already on board, waiting for the stragglers, Mark Viduka, Marco Bresciano and keeper Kalac as they completed media interviews outside the dressing rooms. The Greeks too waited in their bus. Preceding them was an ambulance ferrying a couple of young supporters, dressed in the Greek team tops, presumably foot soldiers of the Blue and White Army. They could be seen rubbing their eyes most probably suffering extreme irritation from the smoke of the flares that went off amongst the Blue and White army. There were possibly a few tears of disappointment as well.

By George Stogiannou

Lucas Neill shows his appreciation to our Goal Weekly photographers



Aussie Greeks - You Should Be Proud Of Yourselves!

cultures.

On the morning of the match, I took a walk along Portman St in Oakleigh, a well-known meeting place for the Greek community in the South Eastern suburbs. Greek flags were displayed proudly in nearly every shopfront and right alongside them were the Aussie flags. Scarves that were half the blue-and-white, and half the green-and-gold adorned the necks of many of the kids that were tucking into sweet cakes while their parents drank coffees and talked excitedly of the upcoming match. Two hours before the game, Oakleigh station was awash in a sea of Greek flags and yet those arriving in green and gold were welcomed good-naturedly to share the platform and the train.

Straight off the bat, I'm not of Greek heritage, so these words are not biased in any way. Last week's friendly between the European champs and the Aussies is now done and dusted with the Aussies prevailing. But forget about the score, something happened last week which was far more important than just the result - The Greek community showed us all how to support the "old" and the "new" countries, respecting both and celebrating both. The game was more than just a match between Australia and Greece; it was a celebration of the fusion of

At the ground, the MCG looked spectacular packed to the rafters with a 95,000 strong crowd, the colours of Australia and Greece everywhere. The family next to me received a text message from a cousin in Greece who could not believe the size and grandeur of the spectacle unfolding on his TV thousands of miles away. That same family sang the Greek national anthem with gusto and then immediately launched into singing Advance Australia Fair with the same nationalistic pride.

I have been going to football games for a long time, watching as visiting national sides enjoyed the majority of the support while the Aussies had to put up with a small band of followers even though they were playing in their own country. The Greek community

has shown us all that you can pay your respects to the motherland, and still support and be proud of the country we all call home.

By Joe Novella

Pretty as a picture:
The MCG in all its glory



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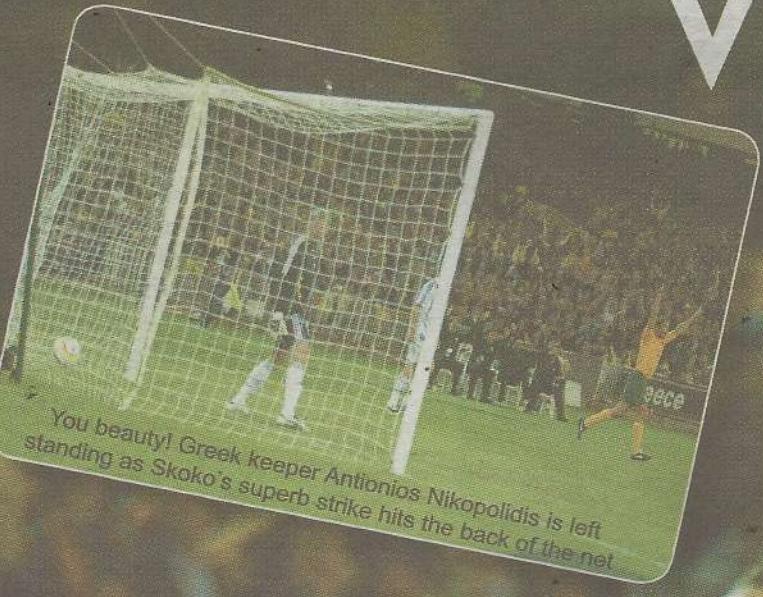


Greeks and Aussies together at Oakleigh Station

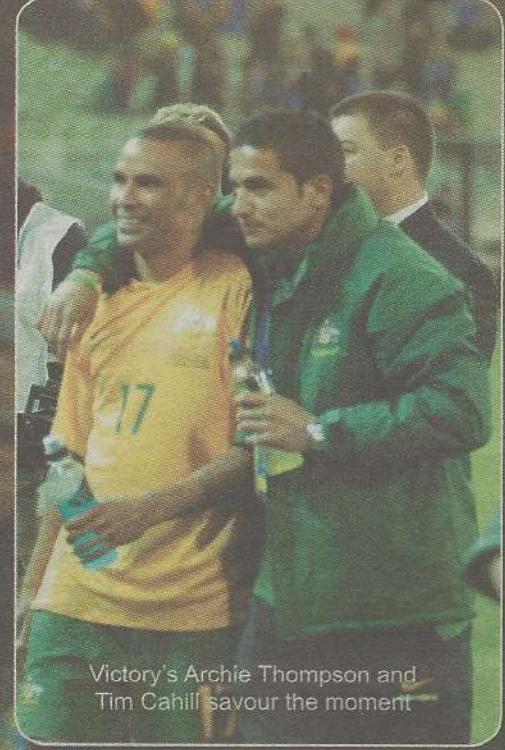
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AUSTRALIA

(JOSIP SKOKO 16TH MINUTE)



You beauty! Greek keeper Antionios Nikopolidis is left standing as Skoko's superb strike hits the back of the net



Victory's Archie Thompson and Tim Cahill savour the moment



Greek god Giorgos Karagounis slips away from Mile Sterjovski



The Oceania Champions and the European Champions come together as one



Melbourne's very own soccer superstar and Socceroo Captain Mark Viduka struts his stuff

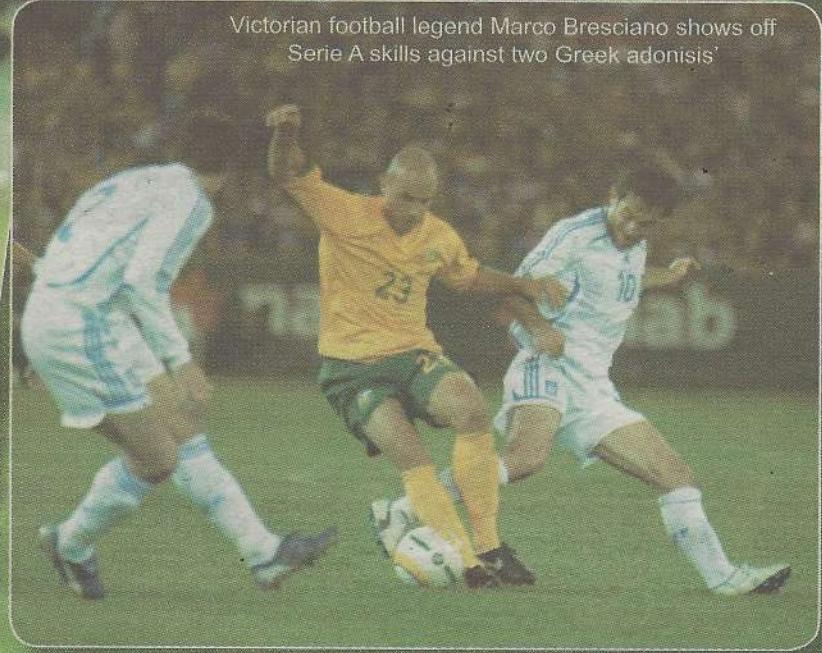


The brains behind the brawn: A. Hiddink and Graham Arnold after a game

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Victorian football legend Marco Bresciano shows off Serie A skills against two Greek adonisis'



Local boy Josip Skoko unleashes the spectacular shot that broke Greek hearts



Euro 2004 hero Angelos Charisteas flies high at the G

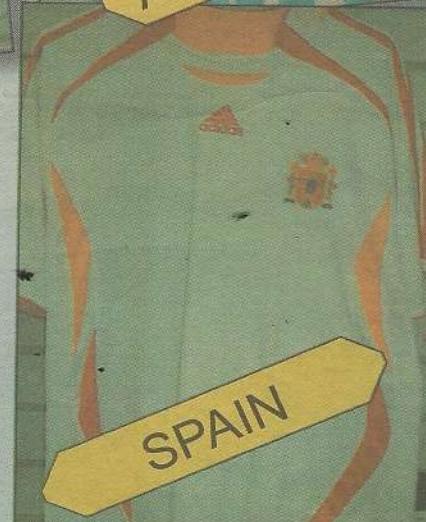


The Hellenic Army brings colour and fireworks to the party

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BOO'S WORLD

A satirical look at the World of Football according to Mark Boric



Australia defeated Greece 1-0 in a fairly dull friendly in front of a packed MCG. If the Greek players could muster just some of the passion their flare-wielding supporters displayed there may have been some chance of an entertaining spectacle.

The highlight was a world class goal from Josip Skoko. It could be a big year for North Geelong, with their favourite son World Cup bound and the senior team near the top of State League Division One.

Some comments from interstate bemoaned the quality of the surface at the "G" as well as the remnants of the AFL ground markings. Apparently they are really bothered by the blurred 50m arcs which do not cover as much of the pitch as the lines all the way across it every ten metres when a game is played in a rugby stadium.

There were times this week when I opened the Herald-Sun and thought I'd mistakenly picked up Goal! Weekly instead such was the level of football coverage. We live in changing times, and I myself will take to wearing a helmet as it won't be long before the pigs start flying and I don't want a clumsy one smacking into my noggin and causing me any further brain damage.

Fred and Claudio are mystery Brazilians no more, they are here in the flesh and training with Melbourne Victory. The poor man's Fred (there is another one who is in their National squad) even made the The Pulse section of the Herald-Sun. The mainstream media loves Brazilians. Ali G loves Brazilians, aiii.

One thing the World Cup will not lack, is World Cup Special Magazines. They have so many of them out now, the section on the shelves

is nearly as large as the porn section.

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FOOTBALL FUNNIES

Q: What's the difference between a Sydney FC fan and a supermarket trolley?

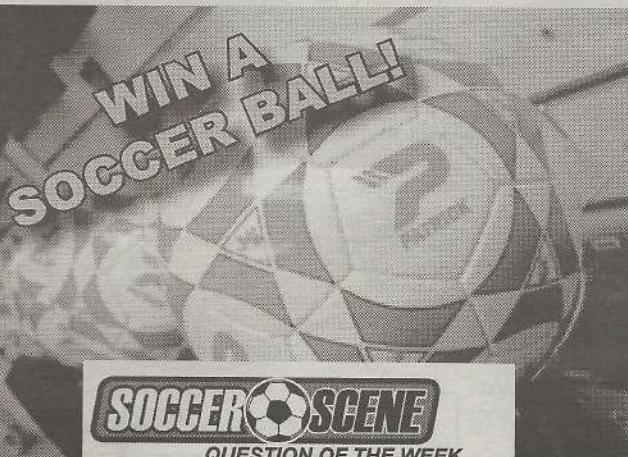
A: The trolley has a mind of its own.

Q: How many Queensland Roar fans does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: None - they're quite happy living in the shadows.

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1. 32 nations
- 2. 13 goals
- 3. 42 years old
- 4. True
- 5. 11 seconds
- 6. Golden Boot
- 7. Sir Amacha 9, Europe 8
- 8. Germany with 3 titles
- 9. 1991
- 10. Uruguay



Thanks to Melbourne's newest soccer depot, Soccer Scene, Goal! Weekly will be giving away a Patrick soccer ball each week to the first correct entry of the Soccer Scene "Question of the Week."

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THE WHISTLE BLOWN ON BAMBRIDGE



Chris Bambridge officiating a match between Preston Makedonia v Marconi, January 27, 1991 at Connor Reserve, Round 17 of the 1990-91 NSL season.

Picture this scenario: 60,000 plus mad screaming fans watching you from every angle, the echo from their chants give you goosebumps, your standing between two teams which have fierce if not vengeful feelings towards each other not to mention officials, colleagues and millions of people glued to their TV sets in every continent fortunate enough to have a live feed from the biggest football match going on.

Well this exactly what Chris Bambridge, referee head honcho or more officially Referee Development Manager of Victoria, was up against at the Jalisco stadium in Guadalajara when he was called up to officiate a match between Brazil and Spain at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

"It was a game that referees wanted for prestige but on the other hand didn't want because it had the potential to explode," recalled Bambridge who had no qualms taking on the big boys of the time.

Like now both sides had star studded squads including now legends such as Brazil's Zico and Socrates, while Spain had their own guns in Zubizarreta and Emilio Butragueno.

Well Bambridge survived it apart from a controversial decision that would haunt him all the way back to home to Melbourne.

As one of Australia's most decorated referee's of all time and still the only person from Oceania to officiate an International Final, Bambridge took up the whistle after his heart was broken as youngster. When a new coach took over managerial duties at Bambridge's local club, Kettering Town back home in England, little did he know that he would soon give up his dreams of playing football.

"After a week or so the coach suggested I do something else and then I remember crying all the way home on the back of my bike," recalled Bambridge.

Soon after Bambridge gave up any aspirations of playing football at any level higher than the odd kick around with his mates, so he learnt the art of refereeing and so his story began. As it turns out the coach that gave Bambridge that harsh yet painfully honest piece of advice was Ron Atkinson who went on to coach Manchester United back in the 80s.

"The game has changed dramatically and as a result refereeing has obviously changed with it. These days referees are more robotic and by-the-book on their approach, while I would be more dependant on my ability to keep my sense of humor about it all."

"Saying that I believe it's more difficult to referee now because society has a serious lack of respect for authority, adds Bambridge."

Well much like today the buzz of the 1974 World Cup was still remnant and the prospect of establishing a new national league got soccer fans excited. By 1977 it came to pass and Bambridge was on board refereeing games in the biggest sporting league in Australia. Quickly making a name for himself as one of the best refs going around Bambridge lasted until 1991, retiring after the most memorable game in his career.

"I would be more dependent on my ability to keep my sense of humor about it all."



Spain's Emilio Butragueno shot hit the crossbar in the 1986 World Cup

me. "Apart from monetary rewards, which have greatly increased in the last 20 years not everyone will play for Australia. We offer football lovers the opportunity to remain in the game and if you are good enough you can really make it worth your while."

At the moment Australia is being represented mainly by referee poster boy Mark Shields and although Victoria has its own refereeing gems in the likes of Jim Oulians, Bambridge is keen to attract more people to take up the whistle.

"We have a mandate to increase our numbers so we are holding courses and information sessions to give people a taste of what it means to be a referee. You no longer have to stay in the lower leagues if you are good enough to be promoted."

All in all the Australian hall of famer must be recognized for his dedication to the game and with constantly developing a section of football which rarely gets recognition.

Well with the 2006 World Cup upon us I asked Chris what his tip was and he didn't come up with any wild predictions such as Iran winning the Cup but interestingly he was sure about something.

"I think Brazil will win it again and yes there will be refereeing blunders after all we are only human."

By Carlos Ibarra



Chris Bambridge posing for his Australian Soccer Hall of Fame picture

"After a week or so the coach suggested I do something else and then I remember crying all the way home on the back of my bike,"

Opportunity came calling and in 1974 Bambridge migrated to Melbourne with his family and quickly got involved in the soccer scene, which was booming similar to today. The man known for his ability to diffuse the biggest hot heads on the pitch jumped on board the wave of the new National Soccer League but before being a part of the only national competition of the time he remembers the culture shock he got while refereeing in the State Leagues of the time.

"My first game was between Waverley and Northcote and it was complete culture shock because I couldn't talk to the players as most of them spoke other languages. I got the hang of it though and after a while we all understood each other."

Cautious not to give that "back in my day speech" Bambridge is adamant the present game of football allows no room for referees like himself.

"My children were bullied at school and the phone rang hot with threats and abuses by angry Spanish fans", recalled Bambridge.

Apart from having his phone home monitored by the police, the constant banter at the local games around Melbourne took their toll on Bambridge and as he remembers it was his wife that kept him in the game.

"I was ready to give it all up until my wife asked me if I was going to let the bastards get to me. Well in the end they didn't and so I spent the next few months refereeing games in places like Monbulk and Geelong where I regained my love for sport."

At this point I had to ask the man why I would consider being a referee where one is surrounded by the ire of just about everyone.

"The rewards are huge," Bambridge assures

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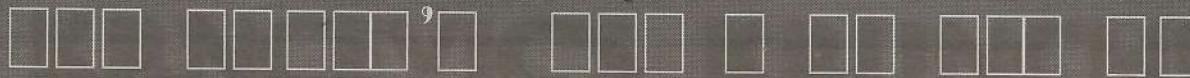
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Greeting football fans and welcome to another dose of Krncevic's Krunchlines.

Send-off

It was great to see football fever hit Melbourne on Thursday as over 95,000 fans embraced the opportunity to see their Socceroos heroes one last time before they head to Europe and embark on their final preparations before the serious business begins in Germany. Whilst the Aussies did their best to break down a notoriously defensive unit in the European Champions, I dare say many Greek supporters would have left the MCG a little disappointed the visitors were unable to produce an effort worthy of their title.

Some might say after a long professional season, the Greek team appeared to have Mykonos on their minds instead of the job at hand, whilst the Socceroos did their best to reshuffle a line up that sorely missed the enterprise of Harry Kewell and Tim Cahill. Even so, it was still a great occasion and it was fantastic to see two sets of fans, some with obvious divided loyalties, come together to celebrate such a monumental event.

I couldn't help but giggle at the amount of flares produced that night either. The boating supply shops around Williamstown and St Kilda must have thought their Christmas came early this year.



One of the many flares that were lit up on Thursday night

Deano

I was disappointed to hear the news that Dean Hennessey was dismissed as coach of the Richmond Eagles. It's beyond reason that so many coaches in the Vodafone Cup have been relieved of their duties with a little over half a season played. Why do so many clubs hit

the panic button and make shot-gun decisions, when there is so many points still to play for? By all accounts Dean's side was playing some of the best football in the competition and although their position in the league belied their ability. I've said it before in this column, but I think we've seen another "own goal" scored

against the stability and long term ambitions of what clubs should be about.

Biskic

On the other hand, it was good to see Melbourne Knights' coach Joe Biskic secure a much needed victory against Essendon Royals the other night. I understand he has been feeling the pressure of late to produce results, with a young squad at a very ambitious club. Hopefully this should keep a few disgruntled supporters quite for a little while. There's a long way to go before the end of the season and knowing Joe, he has a wonderful approach to the game which will serve those youngsters well in their football education.

Until next week,

Eddie

Victorian soccer legend Eddie Krncevic represented Australia 35 times and scored 17 goals.

He played professionally in Europe for Dimano Zagreb (Croatia), MSV Duisberg (Germany), Mulhouse (France) and Anderlecht, FC Liege , Aalst and Charleroi in Belgium.

Eddie writes for Goal! Weekly every fortnight.

RISING STARS with Phillip Riccobene



the Cavalier's out of the relegation zone and up the ladder.

Personally, he has had an exceptional season so far, but with only two wins, his team's results have not been favourable.

The reigning premiers have not lived up to their pre-season predictions and are at the time of writing sitting in last place. But while Riccobene himself admits it would be fair to say the Keilor Downs-based club's title defence is as good as ever, he claims the finals are still a remote chance.

"Sitting where we are right now, it would be very tough but we've still got a chance of making the top six."

After last year mainly coming off the bench, Riccobene has landed himself right in the thick of the action with a regular spot in the starting 11 this season. So who can he thank for getting him where he is?

He attributes some of the credit to former coach Ian Dobson, who this year resigned from his post due to his wife's battle with illness.

"He really changed my game, and inspired me to do well. He praised me whenever I did well. He is definitely one of many great coaches I've had."

He also let him play in last year's grand final win, an experience which Riccobene describes as the best of his life.

"Being part of the grand final was great and also being with the seniors for two years now."

He may have only been playing for the seniors for two years, but this is very much his club. He has been playing for Green Gully all the way back since Under 13's.

After moving there from Keilor as a junior, it did not take long before he began to make an impact. Only one season in fact before Riccobene was selected in the Victorian team as an Under 14, and then despite

missing out in Under 15's, was selected again in Under 16's.

If in the coming couple of weeks if ever Riccobene doesn't play quite up to his standard during a game, it will be the result of some hard studying for his looming Sport and Recreation exams at Victoria University. "My studies are going well, it is just getting very hectic with exams coming up soon," he admits. While if his World Cup prediction turns out correct, the Netherlands will this year be taking home the coveted trophy.

"Them or hopefully Italy or Germany," he believes.

Who knows? Maybe one day Phillip Riccobene him-

self will be playing in a World Cup for the Socceroos. Watch this space.

By Jeremy O'Neill



Archie Thompson watch out, Phillip Riccobene is on his way. The 18 year old Green Gully left back is aiming for the pinnacle of Australian football: the A-League.

"Hopefully if all goes well, (in five years) I would be in the A-League. It doesn't matter which club, but then if (my playing in) the A-League went well, I may even play in Europe," he says.

While playing at the top level is a long-term goal, he has much more pressing demands, such as how to help

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BAYSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Premier League

After the wacky FA Cup weekend in Round 7 it seems that it's back to normal. Well sort of...

Two rounds ago Knox City Harlequins were second last, but such is the competitive nature of this league this season, that they have bolted up to third with two consecutive wins. In a result that is considered quite a surprise, Knox City defeated Bayswater Strikers 2 - 1 and in doing so halted a three game winning streak. But still on top is Western Port Wanderers after a terrific 2 - 0 win over Croydon Ranges that leaves Western Port one point ahead of Hampton Park United. This marks Western Port's sixth win of the season, but for early league leaders Croydon, they are sliding down the league table and are now nine points adrift from top spot.

Hampton Park United made sure that last weekend's horrible 10-1 loss to Bayswater was a one off as they got the better of Peninsula 3 - 1. This important result has the 2003 league champions, Hampton Park United still in second place just one point behind Western Port. Peninsula's loss keeps them cemented to the bottom of table on six points.

One goal wonders Boronia Knights were held at home to a 1 - 1 draw by newcomers Mt Lilydale. The result drops Boronia to 7th position and all of a sudden Mt Lilydale find themselves back in the relegation zone in 9th.

Pines Condors provided another upset of the round with another high scoring contest 3 - 2 over Rosebud at Rosebud. The win gets the Condors out of the bottom two, but just, thanks to a superior goal difference. Rosebud has now not won a match in the last four rounds but due to the incredible competitive nature of this league they are still only two points from third and one point from relegation.

Ladies

Cuscatlan are the toast of the round after they halted Hampton Park's goal scoring blitz to recorded a stunning 0 - 0 draw. The draw

has dropped Cuscatlan to third place after the Frankston Pines recorded their third win of the season with a 3 - 0 victory over Frankston Filles.

Premier Reserves League

Leaders Croydon Ranges has slipped over a Western Port as they managed only a 2-2 draw and in the process allowed Hampton Park United to move within one point of top spot, after the later defeated Peninsula.

Boronia Colts move into third position with a win over Mt Lilydale whilst last season champions Knox City loss at home to Bayswater.

Division 1

Well, it's almost all over.... Langwarrin celebrated its fifth win in a row by smashing six goals past last place Boronia Cavaliers. The result leaves them nine points clear on top, followed by Monash Peninsula. With Langwarrin not competing next weekend because of the bye, this will give a chance for any team to catch up on points.

Thinking about it, I thought Cerberus had the title in the bag last season, but they lost the plot towards the end and handed it to Peninsula. But back to this season...

Monash Peninsula is surprisingly in second place, with a youthful team they made no doubt of the result against Mornington Power with a 6 - 1 win.

The team to keep an eye on is Brighton Old Boys. After a slow start no thanks to injuries and suspensions, Brighton has rocketed up the league table on the back of four consecutive victories. This time it was a 3 - 2 away win over Frankston Outlaws.

Well done also to Cuscatlan who pick up only their second win of the season with a surprising 5 - 1 win over Cerberus.

Division 2

It is all over.... I think we can mark in Parkmore as league champions without too much concern after they destroyed the third placed team Chelsea Old Boys 7 - 0 in what was expected to be a close encounter.

Mornington Glory is starting to find the form that helped them finish third last season with a 2 - 1 away win over Montrose. This is the third win in a row for Mornington. Boronia Barons were also victorious against Inter Milagro whilst Baxter Falcons celebrated their second win of



the season against last placed Endeavour Sporting.

Division 3

It is going to take a lot to stop Phillip Island as they continue to win and extend their lead to five points with a 2 - 0 victory over the luckless Frankston Pines.

Seaford United grabbed a bunch of goals, six in fact, over Croydon Ranges Old Boys and finally Rosebud Dinosaurs displaced the then second placed Montrose B with a 2 - 0 victory.

By Steven Gray

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Western Port	8	6	1	1	21	7	19
Hampton Park	8	6	0	2	22	20	18
Knox City	8	4	0	4	10	17	12
Bayswater	8	3	2	3	20	12	11
Croydon Ranges	8	3	1	4	18	13	10
Rosebud	8	3	1	4	11	12	10
Boronia Knights	8	2	4	2	6	11	10
Pines Condors	8	3	0	5	18	23	9
Mt Lilydale	8	2	3	3	9	15	9
Peninsula	8	2	0	6	13	22	6

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Katsa's Korner

With George Katsamboukas

**7/14**

Fourteen weeks into the Vodafone Cup season, seven coaching changes!

Fourteen teams in the Vodafone Cup, seven coaching changes!

Will we get to Meatloaf's classic, "Two out of three ain't bad", only time will tell!

New tradition in Katsas Korner, no longer will I be displaying a number that represents the number of weeks since a coaching change, this will now be replaced with a Cricket type score.

First number will be the number of coaching changes; second number will be the number of

rounds played.

I'm always big on statistics, the clubs in the Top d have made no coaching changes; the seven coaching changes that have been made, have been at the 7 out of the 8 clubs outside the Top 6.

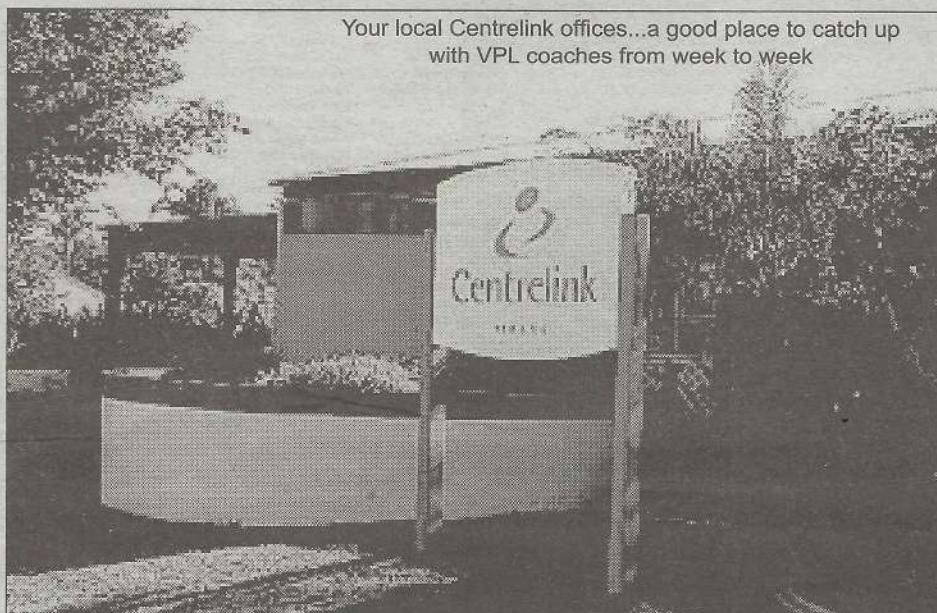
Melbourne was a buzz this week with the Friendly International between the Socceroos and the Greek National Team.

Something told me that the actual game itself would not live up to its expectations, hence no ticket purchased: No Appearance your Honour at the G' by Katsa, wood fire at home with my good mate J Walker was the preferred option! One Vodafone Cup club has had to stock up on Cabcharge vouchers, following some controversy's with visiting referees, who no longer drive their vehicles to that particular ground, as they require the services of Melbourne's best panel beaters the next day.

Taxi in, taxi out, beware though, there are many limo drivers who visit this venue each week who would be more than keen to pick up this gig.

The "Most Travelled Coach Award" for both the number of clubs, and distances covered goes to Vlado Vanis.

Preston to Geelong, and now the new coach of



Your local Centrelink offices...a good place to catch up with VPL coaches from week to week

EMERGE FESTIVAL: Witness Africa's freshest talent

A good way to strengthen your team will be to visit this year's EMERGE festival which will put on show some of the freshest and most exciting footballing talents recently arrived from Africa.

These natural athletes are quickly making the world game their own and would make a valuable asset to many organized football clubs interested in growing together.

Part of a stunning two week cultural festival from 16 June – 1 July 2006 that is a joyous celebration of the richness of cultures and talent from Africa, Afghanistan and Kurdistan. Many of the participants have recently arrived in Melbourne and are eager to share in the multicultural flair of this great city.

Three stages of dazzling world music and dance performances will bring the festival to life. A vibrant cultural marketplace will give visitors a feel for the aromas of an Ethiopian coffee ceremony, which will prepare you for an intimate evening of story and song from all over Africa.

In between the coffee tasting and dancing the festival will also hold a fun packed soccer carnival, showcasing the exceptional talent coming in from Africa. This is complemented by a hip hop dance battle and slam dunk competition as well as VISIBLE - a collaborative music project featuring acts such as Nicky Bomba and Kavisha Mazzella working with emerging artists.

Attracting capacity audiences in recent years, the Emerge Festival commemorates United Nations World Refugee Day. The festival is a unique celebration of the significant contributions made to the cultural life of Melbourne by our newly arrived African, Afghani and Kurdish brothers and sisters.

The festival will be launched on Friday 16 June with an intimate evening of story and song at the Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room. Tales of life in Africa and new lives in Australia will be told by South African born singer/storyteller Valanga Khoza, Somali poet Yusuf Sheikh Omar, Sudanese singer Ajak Kwai and the recently arrived Synodos – ten young men from Sudan who tell stories through theatre and hip hop.

The Soccer event is as follows:

EMERGE SOCCER CARNIVAL

Saturday 17 June, 12 – 4pm, Dobson Reserve, Braybrook

Soccer carnival family fun day with 4 teams from emerging communities competing for the EMERGE championship cup and prize money. Plus free halal and vegetarian BBQ and live African drumming. Free Event

Other festival events are:

EMERGE FESTIVAL MAIN EVENT

Sunday 18 June, 12 – 5pm, Fitzroy Town Hall & Reading Room

An event for all the family with over three non-stop stages featuring some of our finest international talent: Diafrax, Ethiopian Circus, Jali Buba Kuyateh, Lion of Judah, Khalil Gudaz, King Marong & Afro Mandinke and much more.

Experience the Ethiopian coffee ceremony, roam the vibrant cultural marketplace, free creative children's activities with internationally acclaimed visual artist Amanda King plus sample authentic foods from Africa and beyond. SBS Outside Broadcast will showcase artists with performances, interviews and interactive workshops. Free Event

NU SCHOOL RULEZ - ALL AGES DANCE PARTY

Saturday 1 July, 6 – 11pm, Maribyrnong Secondary College

A non stop action all ages event for 12 -25 year olds with performances by rising stars Diafrax and Domore (Sudan), DJ battle, 3 round hip hop dance battle with cash prizes, slam dunk competition, street art, giveaways and more. Free Event

EMERGE WOMEN'S GATHERING Saturday 24 June, 2-6pm, Brunswick Town Hall

Full Scorecard is as follows:

S Munroe	Oakleigh Cannons	Not Out
K Murphy	Altona Magic	Not Out
G Katsakis	Kingston City	Not Out
M Michalakopoulos	Bulleen Zebras	Not Out
J Anastasiadis	South Melbourne	Not Out
J Biskic	Melbourne Knights	Not Out
P Stubbins	H'berg Utd	Bowled Deliyannis
L Trani	Essendon Royals	Retired Hurt
C Taylor	Sunshine Georgies	LBW Borg
V Vanis	Preston	Bowled Todarovski
C Lewis	Frankston Pines	Retired
I Dobson	Green Gully	Retired
D Hennessy	Richmond Eagles	Bowled Kalitzki
J Markovski	Fawkner Whittlesea	Not Out

Bentleigh Greens, following Terry Kirkham's dismissal.

Will State League One clubs follow the pattern set by the Vodafone Cup for coaching changes?

I think we all know the answer to this one.

Melbourne Victory are learning the Samba this year, following the signing of two Brazilian imports, who come highly recommended by ex-South Melbourne and Oakleigh player, Steve Panopoulos.

Thankfully, the transfer fee discussed was agreed by both parties to be in US Dollars and not Australian dollars, as there was some confusion some six months ago when Ernie, Gary and Co were negotiating to sign another Brazilian. All looked good in the wee hours of the morning when the transfer deadline ended, Ernie and Co were keen on the figure agreed to by the Player's overseas club, one slight problem though, Ernie and Co were talking Australian Dollars -The Brazilians were talking in US Dollars.

Go to jail! Go directly to jail! – Do not pass go, do not collect \$200!

That was the call made to a State League player this week, who was planning on spending his Saturday afternoon playing soccer for his club.

Club administrators searched desperately for a "Get out Of Jail Free Card", all to no avail, seems they don't wield much power within the legal circles.

Thankfully, Barwon Prison has a fax machine and his transfer was completed in time for him to play "behind closed doors" in front of a "cell" out crowd, within his new "home".

I have recently been granted a Green Card which allows me to cross over the Yarra and spend time at a certain Northern Suburbs club.

This club plays at a venue named after a former Victorian Premier and they wear blue and white.

The Punters there often ask me "Who are ya Katsa?"

Simple answer lads.....

I am Katsa- But not as you've known him & when the Fat Lady sings, hopefully you will be happy with the result.

One of the participating teams in last year's tournament



A day for women by women. Women from newly arrived refugee communities come together and share cultures. Henna painting, coffee ceremonies from around the world, massage, cultural dance, open mic story telling, authentic foods, information and cultural displays will be on offer as well as free fun childcare and entertainment. Free event

LOST BOYS OF SUDAN FUNDRAISER SCREENING Friday 23 June, 7.30 – 10.30pm, Fitzroy Town Hall

This feature-length documentary follows two Sudanese refugees on an extraordinary journey from Africa to America. Orphaned as young boys in one of Africa's cruellest civil wars, they survive lion attacks and militia gunfire to reach a refugee camp in Kenya along with thousands of other children. From there, remarkably they are chosen to go to America where

they find themselves confronted with the abundance and alienation of contemporary American suburbia. Also on the night Q & A session with Sudanese community leader Zachariah Bul Dhieu and performance by Sudanese singer Ajak Kwai. All proceeds from this event will go towards The Tomorrow Foundation. Tickets: \$20.00/\$15.00

Multicultural Arts Victoria (MAV) presents the Emerge Festival 2006 from 16 June – 1 July 2006. Multicultural Arts Victoria is the only organisation of its kind in Victoria providing opportunities and support for artists from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds as well as offering culturally diverse art to the public at large.

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JUNIOR LEAGUES


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MILO Boys S/E 16 Super League: Round 6: Knox City 3 South Melbourne 0, Southern Stars 4 Bentleigh Greens 0, South Eastern Piranhas 2 Glen Waverley 2, Bulleen 7 Whitehorse 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC 3 Oakleigh 1

MILO Boys S/E 15 Super League: Round 6: Kingston City Bye , Box Hill Inter 3 South Melbourne 3, Noble Park 4 Gippsland Soccer League 2, Bulleen 4 Whitehorse 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 Beaumaris 1

MILO Boys S/E 14 Super League: Round 6: Knox City 1 South Melbourne 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 Chelsea 1, Box Hill Inter 2 Manningham 0, Bulleen 6 Whitehorse 0, Endeavour Utd 0 Beaumaris 0

MILO Boys S/E 13 Super League: Round 6: Box Hill Inter 1 Mornington, Dandenong City 4 Knox City 0, Baxter 0 Nunawading City 6, Bulleen 1 Gippsland Soccer League 0, Monash City 6 Beaumaris 0

MILO Boys NW 16 Super League: Round 6: Hoppers Crossing Bye , North City Lions Brimbank , Melbourne Knights 5 Sydenham Park 0, Green Gully 1 Whittlesea 0, Sandringham 1 Preston Lions 1 Essendon Royals 3

MILO Boys NW 15 Super League: Round 6: Fawkner Moreland United , North Coburg Utd 1 Brimbank 1, Keilor Park 2 Epping City 1, Green Gully 1 Melbourne Knights 0, Altona East 4 Essendon Royals 1

MILO Boys NW 14 Super League: Round 6: Williamstown 0 Fawkner 2, North Coburg Utd 1 Brimbank 1, Keilor Park 7 Melbourne Knights 0, Green Gully 6 Preston Lions 2, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 3 Albury-Wodonga 0

MILO Boys NW 13 Super League: Round 6: Hoppers Crossing 0 Fawkner 5, Preston Lions 3 Altona Magic 2, Keilor Park 1 Epping City 1, Green Gully 2 Melbourne Knights 0, Bulleen 0 Essendon Royals 3

MILO Boys Metro 18 Blue: Round 6: Lalor United Bye , Green Gully 0 Brunswick City 0, Heidelberg Utd Doncaster Rovers JSC , Port Melbourne Bulleen , Altona Magic 3 Oakleigh 3

MILO Boys Metro 18 Orange: Round 6: Sherbrooke Rangers Bye , Glen Waverley 5 Seafood United JSC 4, Rosebud 0 Mooroolbark 5, Langwarrin 7 Springvale City 1, Brighton JSC 1 Mornington 1

MILO Boys Metro 18 Purple: Round 6: Northcote City Bye , Brimbank 1 Keilor Park 3, St Albans 0 Bundoora 4, Essendon Royals 10 Preston Lions 0, Carlton Youth FC 2 Gisborne 2

MILO Boys Metro 18 Yellow: Round 6: Bye , Eastern Lions , Berwick City 1 Berwick Kings 0, Brandon Park 1 Brighton JSC 4, Glen Eira 2 Mornington 2, Westgate Bye

MILO Boys South 16 A: Round 6: Doveton 3 Berwick City 3, Dandenong City 1 Bentleigh Greens 1, Sandringham City 0 Brighton JSC 2, Springvale City 8 Baxter 0, Langwarrin Beaumaris

MILO Boys South 16 B: Round 6: Peninsula Bye , Carrum Utd 3 Doveton 1, Beaumaris 0 Chelsea 10, Sandringham City A Rowville Eagles , Dandenong Sparrows 5 Sandringham City B 6

MILO Boys South 15 A: Round 6: Dandenong Thunder 0 Langwarrin 7, Seafood Utd 1 Springvale White Eagles 3, Sandringham City 2 Berwick City 1, Brighton JSC 0 Mornington 0, Hampton Park Utd Cranbourne Comets

MILO Boys South 15 B: Round 6: Rosebud 1 Endeavour United 1, Beaumaris 2 Bentleigh Greens 4, Baxter 3 Brighton JSC 2, Mornington 0 Berwick City 5, Langwarrin 0 Dandenong City 4

MILO Boys South 14 A: Round 6: Berwick City 0 Langwarrin 0, Beaumaris 1 Springvale White Eagles 10, Sandringham City 2 Mornington 4, Brighton 10 Baxter 0, Hampton Park Utd Lyndale Utd

MILO Boys South 14 B: Round 6: Mornington 0 Frankston Pines 3, Dandenong City 4 Cranbourne Comets 1, Sandringham City 1 Brighton JSC 4, Peninsula 6 White Star Dandenong 1, Langwarrin 3 Heatheron Utd 0

MILO Boys South 13 A: Round 6: Berwick City 2 Langwarrin 1, Frankston Pines Bentleigh Greens , Dandenong 7 Thunder 5 Doveton 0, Brighton JSC 7 Endeavour Utd 1, Hampton Park Utd Mornington

MILO Boys South 13 B: Round 6: Carrum Utd 0 Beaumaris 5, East Bentleigh 5 Berwick City 2, Sandringham City 5 Phillip Island 1, Brighton JSC 3 Seafood Utd 1, Hampton Park Utd Lyndale Utd

MILO Boys South 13 C: Round 6: Springvale White Eagles Bye , Berwick City 2 Seafood Utd 4, Sandringham City 0 Brighton 1, Cranbourne Comets 2 Baxter 0, Langwarrin 1 Beaumaris 2

MILO Boys South 12 B: Round 6: Bye Beaumaris , Hampton 3 Mornington 1, Seafood Utd 1 Chelsea 0, Sandringham City 0 Berwick City 3, Brighton 0 Cranbourne Comets 3

MILO Boys South 12 C: Round 6: Rosebud Bye , Beaumaris Bye , Baxter 4 Seafood Utd 2, Brighton JSC Sandringham City , Langwarrin 2 Merton 0

MILO Boys South 12 D: Round 6: Bye Bentleigh Greens , Kessborough JSC Bye , Hampton 3 Peninsula 4, Casey Panthers 4 Endeavour Hills 0, Harrisfield Hurricanes 15 Lyndale Utd 0

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 6: Cranbourne Comets Bye , Dandenong City 0 Berwick City 2, Sandringham City Mornington , Brighton 2 Heatonethorpe Utd 1, Hampton 0 Beaumaris 5

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Purple: Round 6: Noble Park Bye , Rosebud 1 Mornington 1, Peninsula 1 Seafood Utd 2, Dandenong Thunder 0 Sandringham City 4, Langwarrin 0 Springvale White Eagles 0

MILO Boys South 11 Joys Blue: Round 6: Beaumaris Bye , Carrum Utd Doveton , Dandenong City 0 Berwick City 8, Sandringham City 2 Brighton 1, Endeavour Utd 3 Baxter 1

MILO Boys South 11 Joys Orange: Round 6: Doncaster Rovers JSC Bye , Richmond 1 Knox Utd 5, Clayton 1 Bulleen 2, East Bentleigh 1, Bulleen 5 Croydon City Arrows JSC 0, Manningham 1 Richmond 0

MILO Boys East 11 Joys Red: Round 6: Doncaster Rovers Bye , Sherbrooke Rangers Knox City , Brandon Park 0 Glen Eira 2, Ashburton 0 North Caulfield 7, Melbourne Utd 1 Richmond

MILO Boys East 11 Joys Yellow: Round 6: Riversdale Raiders 0 Mooroolbark 3, Glen Waverley 0 Monash City 9, Port Melbourne 4 Bundoora Lions 1, Glen Eira 2 Ringwood City 0, Eastern Lions Springvale City

MILO Boys NW 16 B: Round 6: Kellie Wolves 5 Maribyrnong Greens 6, Broadmeadows Utd 4, Lalor Utd 0, Watsonia Heights 0 Sydenham Park 6, Meadow Park 1 Werribee City 7, Altona East 1 Altona City 1

MILO Boys NW 14 B: Round 6: Sunbury Utd Bye , Light Utd 1 Bundoora 0, North Sunshine Eagles 3 Sydenham Park 0, Sunshine Georgies 5 Gisborne 1, Altona East 2 Essendon Royals 1

MILO Boys NW 14 C: Round 6: Flemington Eagles Bye , Essendon Royals Lalor Utd , Watsonia Heights 0 Werribee City 4, Northcote City 2 Altona City 0

MILO Boys South 11 Joys Red: Round 6: Berwick City 0 Langwarrin 2, Beaumaris 0 Mornington 1, Keysborough 0 Brighton 4, Brighton A 0 Sandringham City 2, Hampton Park Utd 2 Hampton 0

MILO Boys East 16 A: Round 6: Riversdale Raiders Bye , East Bentleigh 9 Doncaster Rovers JSC 1, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Glen Waverley 4, Ashburton 0 Bulleen 7, Manningham Nunawading City

MILO Boys East 16 B: Round 6: Bye Boronia , Bundoora Lions Bye , Eastern Lions Glen Eira , Manningham 1 North Caulfield 9, Mooroolbark 3 Richmond 3

MILO Boys East 15 A: Round 6: Bye Knox City , Boronia 1, South Melbourne 3, South Springvale 1 Bulleen 2, Manningham 1 North Caulfield 2, Doncaster Rovers JSC 2 Richmond 3

MILO Boys East 15 B: Round 6: Westgate Doncaster Rovers JSC , Croydon City Arrows JSC 3 Boronia 0, Brandon Park 3 Eastern Lions 3, East Bentleigh 0 North Caulfield 1, Glen Waverley 5 Nunawading City

MILO Boys East 15 C: Round 6: Port Melbourne 0 Mooroolbark 0, Richmond Bye , Ashburton 1 Bundoora Lions 3, Caulfield Utd 5 Sherbrooke Rangers 1, Ringwood City 2 Manningham 1

MILO Boys East 14 A: Round 6: Eastern Lions Glen Waverley , Sherbrooke Rangers 2 Kingston City 2, Nunawading City 0 Bulleen 2, Riversdale Raiders 2 Caulfield Utd 4, Richmond 3

MILO Boys East 14 B: Round 6: Glen Eira 1 Bulleen 1, Southern Stars 7 Springvale City 0, Clayton 1 Whitehorse 4, Manningham 1 North Caulfield 0, Melbourne Utd 3 Oakleigh 3

MILO Boys East 14 C: Round 6: Stonnington City 0 Berwick City 1, Glen Waverley 3 Knox City 7, Croydon City Arrows 3 Nunawading City 1, Brighton JSC 2 Mooroolbark 3

MILO Boys East 14 D: Round 6: Boronia 7 Doncaster Rovers JSC 1, East Bentleigh 6 Eastern Lions 1, Ringwood City 2 Manningham 6, Hampton 9 Glen Eira 3, Chelsea Ashburton

MILO Boys East 13 A: Round 6: Croydon City Arrows Bye , Port Melbourne South Melbourne , Clayton 1 Bulleen 3, Riversdale Raiders 1 North Caulfield 4, Doncaster Rovers 4 Oakleigh 2

MILO Boys East 13 B: Round 6: Boronia Bye , Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Kingston City 4; Monash City 5 Eastern Lions 0, Manningham 5 Nunawading City 1, Ashburton 2 Richmond 2

MILO Boys East 13 C: Round 6: Mooroolbark Bye , Richmond 0 Glen Waverley 0, Brandon Park Bye , Caulfield Utd 1 North Caulfield 4, Ringwood City 5 Springvale City 0

MILO Boys East 13 D: Round 6: Boronia Bye , Glen Waverley 0 Doncaster Rovers 5, East Bentleigh 0 Bundoora Lions 1, Glen Eira 1 Croydon City Arrows 6, Ashburton 6 North Caulfield 2

MILO Boys East 12 A: Round 6: East Bentleigh Bye , Monash City 4 South Melbourne 2, Richmond 9 Knox City 0, Box Hill Inter 11 Glen Waverley 0, Bulleen 2 Whitehorse 0

MILO Boys East 12 B: Round 6: Glen Waverley 0 Riversdale Raiders 4, Bye Stonnington City , Croydon City Arrows JSC 2 Bulleen 2, Ringwood City 4 North Caulfield 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC 0 Oakleigh 4

MILO Boys East 12 C: Round 6: Bundoora Lions 1 Mooroolbark 7, Bye Eastern Lions , Brandon Park 0 Bulleen 2, Ashburton 0 North Caulfield 13, Melbourne United Waverley Wanderers

MILO Boys East 12 D: Round 6: Knox City 3 Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 Bye Eastern Lions , Clayton Bye , Manningham 4 Croydon City Arrows JSC 2, Riversdale Raiders 0 North Caulfield 1

MILO Boys East 12 E: Round 6: Caulfield United Bye , Richmond 3 Northcote City 1, Croydon City Arrows JSC Bye , Frankston Strikers 0 Whitehorse 2, Ringwood City 0 Bentleigh Greens 3

MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 6: Boronia 0 South Melbourne 7, Richmond Bye , Croydon City Arrows JSC 2 Glen Waverley 0, Box Hill Inter 4 North Caulfield 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 Oakleigh 1

MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Purple: Round 6: Boronia 0 South Melbourne 7, Richmond 0 Ringwood City 0, Monash City 8 Stomnington City 0, Bundeena 3 Riversdale Raiders 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC 0 Nunawading City 0

MILO Boys East 11 Joys Orange: Round 6: Doncaster Rovers JSC Bye , Richmond 1 Knox Utd 5, Clayton 1 Bulleen 2, East Bentleigh 1, Bulleen 5 Croydon City Arrows JSC 0, Manningham 1 Richmond 0

MILO Boys East 11 Joys Blue: Round 6: Bye Berwick City , Brandon Park 0 Ashburton 2, Lalor Utd 0, Melbourne Utd 1 Richmond 7, Melbourne United 1

MILO Boys East 11 Joys Yellow: Round 6: Bye Riversdale Raiders 0 Mooroolbark 3, Glen Waverley 0 Monash City 9, Port Melbourne 4 Bundoora Lions 1, Glen Eira 2 Ringwood City 0, Eastern Lions Springvale City

MILO Boys NW 16 B: Round 6: Kellie Wolves 5 Maribyrnong Greens 6, Broadmeadows Utd 4, Lalor Utd 0, Watsonia Heights 0 Sydenham Park 6, Meadow Park 1 Werribee City 7, Altona East 1 Altona City 1

MILO Boys NW 14 B: Round 6: Bye Berwick City , Brandon Park 0 Ashburton 2, Lalor Utd 0, Melbourne Utd 1 Richmond 7, Melbourne United 1

MILO Boys NW 14 C: Round 6: Flemington Eagles Bye , Essendon Royals Lalor Utd , Watsonia Heights 0 Werribee City 4, Northcote City 2 Altona City 0

MILO Boys N/W 13 B: Round 6: Heidelberg Utd 2 Fawkner 2, North Sunshine Eagles 2 Hoppers Crossing 2, Brunswick City 0 Epping City 7, Brunswick Zebras 9 Mill Park 0, North Coburg United 3 Laverton Park 1

MILO Boys N/W 13 C: Round 6: Kellie Wolves Bye , Whittlesea Utd 1 Brimbank City 1, Mill Park 0 Brunswick Zebras 6, Melbourne Lions 2 Plenty Valley Lions 6, Westgate Altona City

MILO Boys North 16 A: Round 6: Clifton Hill Utd 1 Moreland Utd 1, North Coburg Utd 1 Light Utd 3, Brunswick City 1 Epping City 1, Brunswick Zebras 8 Eltham North 1, Bundoora 0 Heidelberg Stars 3

MILO Boys North 15 A: Round 6: Moreland Wolves Bye , Eltham North 0 Preston Lions 15, Brunswick City 3 Whittlesea Utd 3, Brunswick Zebras 0 Whittlesea Stallions 2, Bundoora 4 Essendon Royals 1

MILO Boys North 15 B: Round 6: Heidelberg Utd 3 Yarraville 1, Sunbury United 0 Light Utd 4, Plenty Valley Lions 4 Brunswick Zebras 1, Carlton Youth FC Northcote City , Lalor 0 Brimbank City 10

MILO Boys North 15 C: Round 6: Beaumaris 1 Hoppers Crossing 2, Watsonia Heights 0 Caulfield Utd 4, Brighton JSC 1 Doncaster Rovers JSC 0, Bundoora 1 Altona City 0, East Bentleigh Langwarrin

MILO Boys N/W 16 Super League: Round 6: Baxter Soccer Club 6 0 0 6 0 38 0

	P	W	D	L	F	APT
Green Gully	6	4	2	3	3	10 14
Melbourne Knights	6	4	0	1	12	6 12
Hoppers Crossing	5	2	1	0	10	7
Essendon Royals	5	1	3	1	9	7 6
Whittlesea Stallions	5	1	2	2	18	5 5
Sydenham Park	6	1	1	4	9	19 4
Preston Lions	6	1	1	4	8	29 3
Brimbank	5	1	0	4	8	29 3
North City Lions	4	0	1	3	5	28 1

	P	W	D	L	F	APT
Epping City SC	6	4	1	1	20	9 13
Brimbank JSC	6</					



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Langwarrin SC	P W D L F APT	Bentleigh Greens JSC	P W D L F APT	Richmond JSC	5 1 2 2 6 7 5	Warrivee City JSC	3 2 1 0 7 0
Sandringham City JSC	6 6 0 0 2 3 6 18	Harrisfield Hurricanes	5 5 0 0 0 42 1 15	Riversdale Raiders	5 1 2 2 6 8 5	Altona City JSC	4 2 0 2 8 5 6
Springvale White Eagles JSC	6 5 0 1 2 1 7 15	Keysborough JSC	5 4 0 1 14 1 52	Eastern Lions	4 1 1 2 10 6 4	Flemington Eagles JSC	4 2 0 2 6 9 6
Cranbourne Comets JSC	6 4 0 2 17 7 12	Peninsula JSC	4 2 0 2 18 16 6	Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	5 0 2 3 8 22 2	BYE	0 0 0 0
Bandenong Thunder JSC	5 4 0 1 13 6 12	Hampton JSC	3 2 0 1 13 11 6	MILO Boys East 12 D	P W D L F APT	Essendon Royals JSC	3 0 0 0 3 0 2 1
Dandenong Thunder JSC	6 2 1 3 8 18 7	Endeavour Hills SC	4 1 0 1 3 11 4 3	Clayton JSC	5 4 1 0 19 2 13	Watsonia Heights JSC	5 0 0 5 1 26 0
Berwick City JSC	6 1 2 3 10 8 5	Casey Panthers JSC	3 1 0 2 3 11 3	Manningham JSC	5 4 1 0 20 5 13	MILO Boys N/W 13 B	
Brighton JSC	6 1 2 3 7 10 5	Lyndale Utd	4 1 0 3 4 38 3	Knox City JSC	5 4 0 1 16 4 12	Epping City SC	P W D L F APT
Mornington SC	6 1 2 3 6 16 5		3 0 0 3 1 34 0	Eastern Lions	5 3 0 2 7 8 9	Brickwells Zebras JSC	6 6 0 0 34 1 18
Hampton Park Utd	5 1 0 4 7 21 3			North Caulfield JSC	5 4 1 0 20 5 13	North Coburg United SC	5 5 0 0 38 0 15
Seaford Utd	6 0 1 5 5 18 1			Doncaster Rovers JSC	4 1 1 2 6 8 4	Fawkner JSC	6 5 0 1 18 7 15
MILO Boys South 15 B	P W D L F APT			Croydon City Arrows JSC	5 1 0 4 21 9 3	Heidelberg Utd	6 4 1 1 40 4 13
Dandenong City JSC	6 6 0 0 38 5 18	Brighton	6 5 1 0 20 9 16	Croydon City Arrows JSC	4 0 1 3 3 11 1	Brickwells City JSC	6 3 1 2 17 13 10
Bentleigh Greens JSC	6 6 0 0 23 7 18	Beumaris	5 4 1 0 23 4 13	Riversdale Raiders	5 0 0 5 1 17 0	Hoppers Crossing JSC	6 0 2 4 53 2
Endeavour United JSC	6 3 1 2 19 6 10	Berwick City	5 3 1 1 15 3 10	MILO Boys East 12 E	P W D L F APT	North Sunshine Eagles JSC	6 0 2 4 23 2
Rosebud JSC	6 3 1 2 16 23 10	Heatherton Utd	4 3 0 1 8 4 9	Richmond JSC	4 3 0 1 18 6 9	Laverton Park JSC	5 0 1 4 42 1
Baxter Soccer Club	6 3 0 3 13 12 9	Dandenong City	4 2 0 2 8 6 6	Croydon City Arrows JSC	5 3 0 2 16 10 9	Mill Park JSC	6 0 1 5 134 1
Berwick City JSC	6 3 0 3 14 14 9	Sandringham City	6 2 0 4 10 11 6	Clayton JSC	6 0 0 6 2 29 0	MILO Boys N/W 13 C	
Beumaris SC	6 2 1 3 12 18 7					Plenty Valley Lions JSC	P W D L F APT
Langwarrin SC	6 1 1 4 7 17 4					Plenty Valley Lions JSC	6 5 1 0 31 5 16
Brighton JSC	6 0 1 5 7 25 1					Melbourne Lions	6 4 0 2 15 15 12
Mornington A	6 0 1 5 3 25 1					Brimbank City JSC	6 5 2 1 14 12 10
MILO Boys South 14 A	P W D L F APT					Keilor Wolves JSC	5 3 1 1 12 4 10
Mornington	6 5 0 1 40 6 15					Whittlesea Utd	6 3 1 2 18 8 10
Springvale White Eagles	5 5 0 0 29 5 15					Brickwells Zebras JSC	6 3 1 2 18 8 10
Langwarrin	6 4 1 1 19 6 13					Westville SC	4 1 0 3 12 10 3
Brighton	5 4 0 1 30 10 12					Altona City JSC	5 1 0 4 3 20 3
Sandringham City	6 3 0 3 19 12 9					Mill Park JSC	6 0 1 5 0 33 1
Berwick City	5 2 1 2 10 11 7					MILO Boys North 16A	
Hampton Park Utd	5 1 0 4 5 26 3					Heidelberg Stars JSC	P W D L F APT
Beumaris	6 1 0 5 9 38 3					Bundoora JSC	6 5 1 0 15 4 16
Baxter	6 0 0 6 4 44 0					Light Utd	6 5 0 1 18 7 15
MILO Boys South 14 B	P W D L F APT					Epping City SC	6 3 1 2 17 8 10
Frankston Pines JSC	6 5 0 1 19 4 15					Brickwells City JSC	5 2 2 1 19 8 8
Dandenong City JSC	5 4 0 1 16 3 12					Bundaburra JSC	5 1 1 13 15 14 7
Cranbourne Comets JSC	6 4 0 2 19 11 12					Clifton Hill Utd	6 2 1 3 14 15 7
Mornington SC	6 3 1 2 16 10 10					Monash City JSC	4 4 0 0 27 0 12
Langwarrin SC	6 3 1 2 12 10 10					South Melbourne JFC	4 3 0 0 27 0 12
Peninsula JSC	5 2 0 3 11 10 6					Boronia JSC	4 3 0 1 7 5 9
Brighton JSC	5 2 0 3 9 14 6					Nunawading City JSC	6 2 1 1 5 12 7
White Star Dandenong JSC	3 1 0 2 5 15 3					St Kilda City JSC	6 2 0 4 9 23 6
Sandringham City JSC	5 1 0 4 5 20 3					Doncaster Rovers JSC	6 1 2 3 7 13 5
Heatherton Utd	5 0 0 5 0 15 0					Ringwood City JSC	3 0 2 1 3 7 2
MILO Boys South 13 A	P W D L F APT					Richmond JSC	6 0 2 4 11 9 2
Berwick City JSC	6 5 0 1 33 3 15					Riversdale Raiders	6 0 1 5 122 1
Brighton JSC	6 5 0 1 30 6 15					MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Purple	
Dandenong Thunder JSC	6 5 0 1 27 3 15					MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green	P W D L F APT
Langwarrin SC	6 3 2 1 20 4 11					South Melbourne JFC	5 5 0 0 23 2 15
Bentleigh Greens JSC	5 3 1 1 8 5 10					Croydon City Arrows JSC	5 4 0 1 12 5 12
Frankston Pines JSC	5 3 0 2 10 4 9					Box Hill Inter JSC	5 3 1 1 12 4 10
Mornington SC	6 1 2 3 10 16 5					Doncaster Rovers JSC	5 2 1 2 9 8 7
Hampton Park Utd	5 0 1 4 2 34 1					Richmond JSC	4 2 1 1 6 6 7
Endeavour Utd	5 0 0 6 3 42 0					Oakleigh JSC	6 2 1 3 6 11 7
MILO Boys South 13 B	P W D L F APT					North Caulfield JSC	6 2 0 4 10 9 6
East Bentleigh JSC	5 5 0 0 27 3 15					Glen Waverley JSC	5 1 0 4 2 12 3
Berwick City JSC	5 5 0 0 25 3 15					Boronia JSC	0 0 0 0
Sandringham City JSC	6 4 1 2 13 8 13					MILO Boys North 15 A	
Lyndale Utd	4 3 1 0 17 3 10					Heidelberg Stars JSC	P W D L F APT
Beumaris SC	6 2 1 3 16 15 7					Bundoora JSC	6 5 0 1 15 4 16
Brighton JSC	6 2 0 4 13 17 6					Light Utd	6 4 0 2 13 9 12
Phillip Island JSC	6 1 2 3 10 21 5					Epping City SC	6 3 1 2 17 8 10
Carrum Utd	5 1 0 4 4 19 3					Brickwells City JSC	5 2 2 1 19 8 8
Hampton Park Utd	5 1 0 4 3 29 3					Bundaburra JSC	5 1 1 14 15 14 7
Endeavour Utd	6 0 0 6 22 1					Clifton Hill Utd	6 1 1 4 7 11 4
MILO Boys South 13 C	P W D L F APT					Monash City JSC	5 1 1 4 3 24 3
Beumaris	6 6 0 0 22 7 18					South Melbourne JFC	6 2 1 1 4 10 9
Cranbourne Comets	5 3 1 1 118 6 10					Boronia JSC	5 0 0 5 3 43 0
Seaford Utd	5 3 0 2 13 8 9					North Coburg Utd	5 1 1 3 3 7 4
Springvale White Eagles	4 3 0 1 9 7 9					Moreland Utd	5 0 0 5 3 41 0
Brighton	5 2 0 3 9 11 6					Ethelton North JSC	5 0 0 5 3 41 0
Langwarrin	5 1 2 2 6 7 5					MILO Boys North 15 A	
Baxter	5 1 1 3 3 8 4					Whittlesea Stallions JSC	P W D L F APT
Berwick City	5 1 1 3 5 12 4					Preston Lions JSC	6 6 0 0 33 4 18
Sandringham City	6 0 1 5 3 22 1					Brickwells City JSC	5 4 0 1 33 6 12
MILO Boys South 12 A	P W D L F APT					Bundaburra JSC	5 3 1 1 18 10 10
Dandenong City JSC	6 5 1 0 21 6 16					Clifton Hill Utd	5 2 2 1 19 8 8
Beumaris SC	6 5 1 0 14 2 16					Monash City JSC	5 4 1 0 27 0 13
Berwick City JSC	6 4 2 0 20 3 14					South Melbourne JFC	4 4 0 0 27 0 12
Sandringham City JSC	6 4 1 1 16 6 13					Boronia JSC	4 3 0 1 11 9 10
Peninsula JSC	6 2 3 1 10 5 9					North Coburg Utd	5 1 1 4 7 11 4
Bentleigh Greens JSC	6 2 2 2 15 9 8					Moreland Utd	5 1 1 3 3 7 4
Mornington SC	6 2 0 4 9 14 6					Ethelton North JSC	5 0 0 5 43 7 0
Brighton JSC	6 1 0 5 4 15 3					Moreland Wolves	4 0 0 4 3 39 0
Hampton Park Utd	6 0 0 6 125 0					MILO Boys North 15 A	
Langwarrin SC	6 0 0 6 5 30 0					Whittlesea Stallions JSC	P W D L F APT
MILO Boys South 12 B	P W D L F APT					Preston Lions JSC	6 5 4 0 11 3 12
Hampton	5 5 0 0 14 2 15					Brickwells City JSC	5 4 0 1 29 6 12
Beumaris	5 3 1 1 7 3 10					Bundaburra JSC	5 3 1 1 22 11 13
Cranbourne Comets	6 3 0 3 9 11 9					Clifton Hill Utd	6 4 0 1 12 11 13
Seaford Utd	5 2 1 2 9 7 7					Monash City JSC	5 4 0 1 10 13 13
Berwick City	6 2 1 3 8 10 7					South Melbourne JFC	5 3 0 0 2 12 3 11
Mornington	6 2 1 3 6 8 7					Boronia JSC	5 3 1 2 11 4 10
Brighton	5 2 1 2 6 8 7					North Coburg Utd	5 3 0 2 12 3 11
Chelsea	5 1 1 3 1 6 4					Moreland Utd	5 1 0 4 3 28 3
Sandringham City	5 0 2 3 3 8 2					Ethelton North JSC	5 0 0 5 2 13 1
Langwarrin	0 0 0 0 0					MILO Boys North 14 A	
MILO Boys South 12 C	P W D L F APT					Bundoora JSC	P W D L F APT
Mornington SC	6 4 0 2 9 7 12					Essendon Royals JSC	5 4 1 0 12 2 13
Baxter Soccer Club	5 3 1 1 111 5 10					Hume Utd	6 3 2 1 8 6 11
Beumaris SC	4 3 1 0 11 5 10					North Coburg Utd	5 3 1 1 11 5 10
Rosebud JSC	3 3 0 0 13 0 9					Fawkner JSC	4 2 2 0 2 7 3
Langwarrin SC	4 2 2 0 8 4 8					North Coburg Utd	5 1 1 3 6 10 4
Sandringham City JSC	5 2 0 3 9 13 6					Carlton Youth FC	4 0 1 3 6 17 1
Brighton JSC	4 0 0 4 2 11 0					Sunbury United JSC	6 0 1 5 4 34 1
Seaford Utd	5 0 0 6 5 7 19 0					MILO Boys North 15 B	
MILO Boys South 12 D	P W D L F APT					Brimbank City JSC	P W D L F APT
North Coburg Utd	6 6 0 0 27 3 18					Keilor Wolves JSC	5 5 0 0 36 3 15
Brickwells City JSC	5 4 0 1 20 5 12					Whittlesea Utd	6 4 0 1 12 11 13
Essendon Royals JSC	6 5 1 0 27 6 16					Bundaburra JSC	5 3 2 1 9 6 11
Sunbury Utd	6 3 0 3 14 9 9					Clifton Hill Utd	6 2 1 3 14 15 7
Bundaburra JSC	6 3 0 3 12 8 11					Monash City JSC	5 4 0 1 0 10 13
North Coburg Utd	6 3 0 3 12 13 9					South Melbourne JFC	5 4 0 1 11 5 10
Moreland Utd	5 6 3 0 3 2 8 1					Boronia JSC	5 3 0 2 12 3 11
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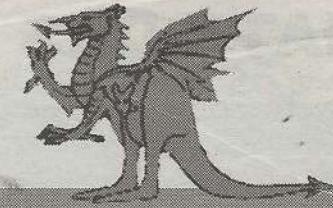
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a pom's home view



The end of the domestic season has seen a series of great finals all with its own prestige for the winners and even a pot of gold for the runners up...

The FA Cup saw winners Liverpool take the Cup glory, West Ham United qualify for Europe via the UEFA Cup place and Liverpool qualify for Europe through their league position.

Meanwhile this year's UEFA Cup final saw Sevilla lift the prestigious trophy by demoralising Middlesbrough with a 4-0 defeat. Boro's presence in the final was enough to seal a lucrative deal for their manager to become England's next manager.

Last week Barcelona lifted the most prestigious of all trophies, the Champions League Cup. The losing finalists Arsenal retained their pride based on Mourinho's claim of only losing because they were down to ten men. More importantly was the decision of Tierry Henry that Barcelona wasn't for him. He extended his contract with the 'Gunners', a deal that is invaluable to the North London club and all its followers.

However, last weekend's play-off for the final place in the Premiership between Watford and Leeds United at the Millennium Stadium, was possibly not as prestigious as the aforementioned finals but definitely has the biggest pot of gold. Watford won the game, dubbed 'the richest match on the planet' and will bag an estimated £35-40m. The estimate includes: TV income for next sea-



son approx. £18.5m (compared with this season's £3.75m), and ticket sales approx. £14m. However, caution is recommended for Watford's Premier

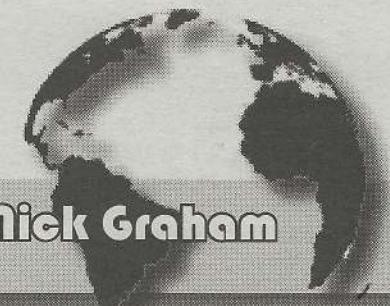
League strategy, as they have only just finished paying the price for their last gamble when the former Chelsea manager Gianluca Vialli took

over from Graham Taylor as the manager. Watford's wage bills had spiralled as Vialli gambled on big contracts for new signings. Premiership players on average get £600,000 a year, a weekly wage packet of some £12,000, whereas the typical Championship player is on £175,000 a year or £3,500 a week.

Meanwhile, the game's losing team Leeds took all of the cash pot created by gate receipts for the play-off final estimated £1.3m. This will be of little help to Leeds, who last season had the biggest wage bill in the Championship, around £19m. Albeit only £3m of this was actually being paid to the current team, £16m was being paid to the likes of Robbie Fowler and Danny Mills. These were among players that were sold on the cheap because of the clubs huge debts created through the previous miss-management of the club.

The play-off final was a game that Leeds United could not afford to lose, but for Watford it is an incredible windfall and they must gamble wisely to survive and use their pot of gold so that they avoid next seasons pitfalls.

By Richard Sucksmith



FFA Gives It To Melbourne Greek Style

Opinion

Well, well, well, the Socceroo juggernaut has come and gone and we wish them the very best of luck in Germany.

As Eddie Krncevic mentioned in his regular Goal! Weekly column this week, the touring Greeks definitely appeared to have a different kind of mindset as it approached this particular friendly last Thursday night. Whilst the Australian squad certainly have Munich on its mind, the Greeks gave the impression they couldn't wait for the European summer to commence and were looking forward to watching all the World Cup action from one of the many bars around the Greek Islands.

In what was a surely a masterstroke marketing move by the FFA spin doctors, a near full house at the MCG was generated by a large contingent of the largest Greek populated city outside of Greece. This manoeuvre basically assured the FFA would essentially clean up on Thursday night and possibly made it close to \$10m, just on gate takings alone.

Whilst the FFA's bank balance was receiving a huge injection of funds, in sheer playing terms and in preparation for Germany, was the selection of Greece, as an opponent, the wisest decision we've seen the FFA make so far. I mean, how much did the Greeks really test the Aussies on Thursday night to say it would be truly beneficial to its on field play?

The Greeks, just like Australia, are indeed still an emerging football nation, who so happened to shock the world by clinching the 2004 European Championship as 150-1 rank outsiders - thanks to a series of 1-0 victories scraped onwards from the quarter finals.

With Australia set to play Brazil, Japan and Croatia in its group games, one has to wonder, from a technical point of view, did Greece provide any of the style of play the Aussies are set to encounter on their World Cup odyssey in June? I seriously



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doubt it. The Greek team is an ageing team which hit its peak in Portugal. It predominately bases its play on a stubborn and organised defence, hoping to catch its opponent off guard from set-pieces and rarely offers anything of wit or of a cutting edge from open play up front. Without any disrespect intended, the Greek style of football is of a huge contrast in the difference of play compared to Brazil, Japan and Croatia - who are among the more enterprising, penetrating and open when it comes to going forward.

With only two friendlies now left up its sleeve, would it have not made more sense to invite a team which could seriously replicate what the national team will come to expect in Germany?

Although last Thursday's victory might psychologically place the Aussies in good stead for what remains around the corner, it appears a golden opportunity to tweak the squad has been forfeited in favour of cashing in on the Greek community of Melbourne under the guise of a Socceroo World Cup send off.

By James Taylor

going global with Nick Graham

Laughing Gas, Stunts and El Loco



Nolberto "Nobby" Solano

So the season is over, and we're all just waiting for the World Cup to start and the players are either heading off on their holidays (as the Greek players seemed to have done before the MCG game) or getting down to the serious pre-tournament business of rowing with each other.

I've heard some good excuses for turning up late to training with a shocking hangover but full marks to Patrick Vieira who no doubt impressed the French coach by claiming he had been gassed by burglars. Apparently thieves fed gas into the air conditioning system of his family home near Cannes to knock out Vieira and his wife and then proceeded to clean out his jewellery stash and made off in his shiny new Mercedes. I'm not sure about you, but I often wake up on a Saturday morning feeling sick with an empty wallet and my car missing. I've always put it down to one too many tequilas but perhaps I'm being robbed, every week.

Meanwhile, having been released by Everton, ru-

mours that notorious burglar-basher Duncan 'Disorderly' Ferguson is seeking a move to Cannes FC could not be confirmed.

Talking of dozy footballers, over in Peru Nolberto 'Nobby' Solano has given the local police any easier job than their French counterparts after wrapping his BMW round a tree. The Newcastle United winger escaped with only minor injuries after his car hit a tree, flipped into the air and then burst into flames. He explained the reasons behind his accident: "It was because of driving fast. I hit the pavement and lost control of the car. The truth is this could have happened to anyone. I nodded off and for this reason I crashed". It seems unlikely he'll face any charges as Nobby is a bit of a national hero in Peru since he captained the national team. His wedding was televised live on national TV and he plays a mean trumpet so chances are police will turn a blind eye. After the Vieira drama there was more fun and games in the ever-temperamental French camp this week. Reserve goalkeeper Grégory Coupet threw a wobbler and stormed out of the team hotel after a row with the coach Raymond Domenech over what Coupet thought was preferential treatment for No.1 choice goalie Fabien Barthez. Seems that Barthez claimed to have a calf injury midway through a hike up a glacier and was allowed to uncharacteristically waive a white flag and bail out. Coupet took exception to this and had a blazing row with Domenech in front of the rest of the squad, Coupet then packed his bags and stormed off only to be persuaded to return by a phone call from his club chairman at Lyon, Jean-Michel Aulas. Domenech confirmed what we all know about goalies, i.e. they're a couple of sandwiches short of a picnic "Grégory Coupet had the blues for a moment. He cracked". El Loco indeed.

My money is on an outbreak of in-fighting in the Dutch camp any minute now after a row between Ruud Van Nistelrooy and Arjen Robben over a disputed game of tiddlywinks. Remember you heard it here first.

By Nick Graham

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MATILDAS MAKE US PROUD IN NIGHT OF VICTORY



The Qantas Matildas came from a goal down to defeat Mexico 2-1 in their curtain raiser clash at the MCG on Thursday.

In the lead up to the much-anticipated friendly between the Qantas Socceroos and Greece, the Matildas were forced to come from behind in a physical encounter against the Central Americans.

Collette McCallum set up both goals from dead-ball situations with Kate Gill heading home the first from a corner and Cheryl Salisbury getting a faint touch from a free kick late in the game to secure the win.

Monica Ocampo scored Mexico's goal in just the 13th minute, a short time after Gill had hit the post. The skilful Mexican striker struck home a precision shot from the left after being put through by Padilla.

For most of the first half, it was Australia, ranked No.15 in the world, which dominated possession, but the home side was unable to convert that pressure on the scoreboard.

Pamela Tojonar in the Mexican goal had a relatively quiet first half, with the Matildas unable to turn their midfield dominance into dangerous attacking opportunities.

Gill was proving a handful for the visitors and left her mark on one Mexican defender who was carried from the ground after a collision in the penalty box early in the second half. When Lisa De Vanna shot wide with only Tojonar to beat, it appeared it was not going to be the Australians' night.

But in the 75th minute, Gill rose from a scrimmage on the goal line after a corner from the left hand side saw Tojonar stumble, and headed home.

Ocampo could have grabbed a second for the visitors when a defensive error saw her one-on-one with Melissa Barbieri, but Barbieri saved well. Salisbury was then able to slip through the defence five minutes from the end and head home the winner.

After the match, a delighted Qantas Matildas coach Tom Sermanni said, "Yeh, it's always good to win. I am delighted, particularly in the second half, with the way they came back. Sermanni though was not that pleased with the start by his side, but praised them for coming back in the second half.

"I thought we started a little bit sluggish in the first half and Mexico made life difficult for us by

playing deep and playing lots of players behind the ball. They also had some good skilful players to hit us on the break."

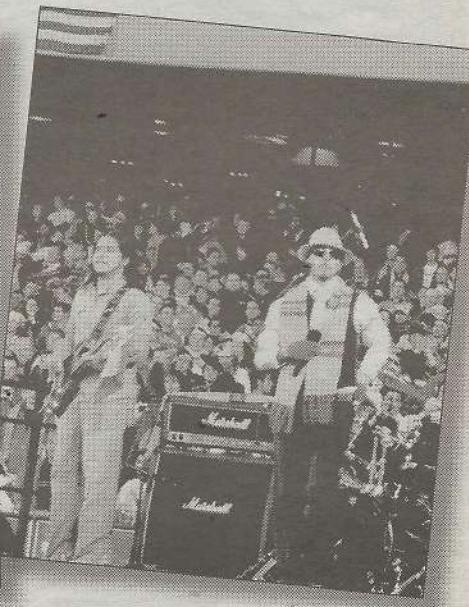
"That was a good experience for us to play teams that play like that. I think the second half we stepped up a level and came back into the game and it was good to come back from behind and win," he added.

Match Details

Australia 2 (Gill 75', Salisbury 84')
Mexico 1 (Ocampo 13')

Qantas Matildas: Melissa Barbieri (gk); Cheryl Salisbury (C), Heather Garriock, Jo Peters, Lisa De Vanna (Caitlin Munoz 70'), Kate Gill, Thea Slatyer, Collette McCallum, Sally Shipard, Diane Alagich (Kate McShea h/t), Jo Burgess (Sarah Walsh h/t)

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WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Round 13



The Vodafone WPL reached the halfway stage with a pulsating round of football, including one of the highest scoring games of the season, between Ashburton and Keilor. It was a round that also pitted the bottom four sides against each other. Preston and South picked up valuable points at the less glamorous end of the ladder, while at the top, Box Hill completed a perfect first half to the season with its tenth straight victory.

Brimbank trebled its goal scoring tally for the season, but still ended up on the losing side as Preston Lions picked up a valuable victory at the Italo-Australian Social Club on Saturday. Having found the net one only one previous occasion this season, Brimbank scored twice, once in each half, but it was outdone by a Preston Lions side that was able to put three goals past its host. The game was evenly balanced at half time, with both teams having scored once, but Preston proved the stronger in the second half. Preston's victory, its third of the season, lifts out of the relegation zone and over both South Melbourne and Eltham North to ninth on the ladder. Brimbank remains at the bottom of the ladder, as it has for virtually the entire season to date.

Sandringham ended the first half of the season in a positive fashion, despatching last season's minor premier, Cranbourne Comets, at Spring St Oval on Saturday. There was little to separate the sides in a close match, with one second half goal enough to secure the points for the home side and set up its fifth victory of the season. The victory keeps Sandringham hot on Cranbourne's heels as it seeks to break into the top five and a potential finals berth. Despite its fourth defeat of the season, Cranbourne is fifth on the ladder with nineteen points, with Sandringham one place and one point behind in sixth. The final whistle brought starkly contrasting emotions for the combatants at Partington Flats on Saturday in a vital game for two teams that have struggled this season. South Melbourne enjoyed its second victory of the season, setting up the victory with a goal either side of half time, and holding off a fast-finishing Eltham side. The home team pulled one goal back, but couldn't find a second to secure at least a draw. While South's players were elated at securing a rare victory, the defeat meant further disappointment for Eltham, which has lost its last six matches and now finds itself in the relegation zone, below South on goal difference, as both sides have seven points.



Sandy's Elise O'Connor and Cranbourne's Belinda Powell



Cranbourne's Rachel Lamb chases her Sandringham opponent

Heidelberg United swiftly put its first defeat of the season behind it, with a 3-0 victory over Bendigo Vipers. Despite the match being moved to Darebin International Sports Centre, and preceded by a Matildas' training session, it was business as usual for Heidelberg, as it returned to its more familiar winning ways. One goal in the first half was followed by another two after half time, and Bendigo could find no way back into the game. Heidelberg remains third on the ladder, three points behind Ashburton and two ahead of Keilor. After a promising start to the season, Bendigo has faltered, losing its last four games in succession, and slipping to eighth on the ladder.

Box Hill Inter continued its unbeaten run, reaching the halfway stage of the season without losing a game or dropping a point, and conceding just three goals along the way. This Sunday, it saw off Eastern Lions, which has proved a more competitive force this season than last, with two first-half goals. Inter maintains its familiar position on top of the ladder, two points clear of its nearest challenger, Ashburton. Eastern Lions occupies seventh spot, with four wins and seven defeats for the first half of the year. With Ashburton Park hosting two of the top four most prolific teams in the league, and one of the smallest pitches, Sunday's match between Ashburton and Keilor Park was always likely to produce goals. However, the game turned into a positive shootout, with Ashburton eventually emerging victorious by an amazing six goals to four. The home side took control of the match in the first half, scoring five times, with Keilor managing two in reply. Although Keilor had the better of the second

half, it could only find the net another two times, and one more goal to Ashburton proved enough to secure the home team's ninth victory of a strong first half of the season. The firepower possessed by both teams is perhaps even more evident in the fact that there were nine different goalscorers in the game, with Keilor's Lucy Balta the only one to find the net more than once. The result keeps Ashburton second on the ladder, with Keilor six points further back in fourth.

Next weekend in Round 12, the teams all face familiar opposition for the first time as we begin the second half of the season. Eltham North faces a tough proposition if it is to break its lengthy losing streak, as it travels to Wembley Park on Friday night to meet league leader Box Hill Inter. Brimbank will hope to continue its goalscoring and aim to snatch its first win of the year as it heads to Strathfieldsaye Sports Complex to face an inconsistent Bendigo Vipers side on Saturday, while Sandringham will continue its push to break into the top five when it hosts Preston Lions at Spring St Oval. The big game of the round sees third play fourth at Olympic Village, as Heidelberg United takes on Keilor Park on Sunday, while Cranbourne Comets will look to bounce back quickly from its surprise defeat when it welcomes Eastern Lions to Comets Stadium. The final action of the round takes place at Ashburton Park, where South Melbourne will be hard pushed to build on this weekend's victory when it faces a rampant Ashburton on Sunday afternoon.

By Niki Cook

ROUND TWELVE FIXTURES

BOX HILL INTER

v

ELTHAM NORTH

Wembley Park,

Box Hill Mel: 61 F1

Friday 2nd June

KO 8:30pm

BENDIGO VIPERS

v

BRIMBANK

Strathfieldsaye Sport Complex,

Bendigo

Saturday 3rd June

KO 2.30PM

SANDRINGHAM

v

PRESTON LIONS

Spring Street Oval,

Hampton Mel: 77 A12

Saturday 3rd June

KO 3:00PM

CRANBOURNE COMETS

v

EASTERN LIONS

Comets Stadium,

Cranbourne Mel: 133 G6

Sunday 4th June

KO 1pm

HEIDELBERG UNITED

v

KEILOR PARK

Olympic Village,

Heidelberg Heights, MEL: 19 D11

Sunday 4th June

KO 1pm

ASHBURTON

v

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Ashburton Park,

Ashburton Mel: 60 F9

Sunday 4th June

KO 3pm

Women's Premier League SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	10	10	0	3	7	3	30
Ashburton	11	9	1	1	42	8	28
Heidelberg United	10	8	1	1	45	9	25
Cranbourne Comets WSC	11	6	1	4	30	11	19
Keilor Park WSC	10	6	1	3	36	23	19
Sandringham	11	5	3	3	23	11	18
Bendigo Vipers WSC	10	4	0	6	16	22	12
Eastern Lions	11	4	0	7	12	19	12
Preston Lions	11	3	0	8	9	34	9
South Melbourne	11	2	1	8	13	37	7
Eltham North	11	2	1	8	6	31	7
Brimbank WSC	11	0	1	10	3	64	1

Brimbank 2
(N Vukovic, Y Latif)
Preston Lions 3
(K Christoff, S Lovett, P Massouh)
(HT: 1-1),

Sandringham 1 (K Segond)
Cranbourne Comets 0
(HT: 0-0),

Eltham North 1
(N Paul)
South Melbourne 2
(L Hodgkin 2)
(HT: 0-1),

Heidelberg United 3
(S Groenewald, E Minde, B Pannella)
Bendigo Vipers 0
(HT: 1-0),

Eastern Lions 0
Box Hill Inter 2
(G Koutrouvelis, A Vardakas)
(HT: 0-2),

Ashburton 6
(S Erenli, A Gibney, T Grkinic, G Koca, E Taylor, A Jackson)
Keilor Park 4
(L Balta, K Nicolaci, S Peluso, M Camilleri) (HT: 5-2)

Women's Premier League RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton	11	10	1	0	64	43	1
Sandringham	11	10	0	1	56	7	30
Bendigo Vipers WSC	10	7	1	2	41	9	22
Cranbourne Comets WSC	11	7	0	4	27	14	21
Keilor Park WSC	10	6	0	4	34	12	18
Eltham North	10	5	2	3	28	21	17
Box Hill Inter	10	4	1	5	20	20	13
Heidelberg United	8	3	1	4	19	21	10
Eastern Lions	10	2	2	6	16	24	8
South Melbourne	11	1	3	7	16	29	6
Preston Lions	11	1	1	9	7	49	4
Brimbank WSC	11	0	0	11	2	120	0

Brimbank 1
Preston Lions 5,

Sandringham 4
Cranbourne Comets 2,

Eltham North 2
South Melbourne 1,

Heidelberg United 2
Bendigo Vipers 4,

Eastern Lions 4 Box
Hill Inter 5,

Ashburton 3
Keilor Park 0

FOOTBALL FOCUS... with Fernando de Moraes



Name: Fernando Jorge Lima de Moraes

Club: South Melbourne F.C.

Position: Attacking Midfielder

Age: 26

Height: 1.83cm

Weight: 75kg

Nickname: Nando/Lilico

Previous clubs: E.C.Sao Bernardo/Palestra S.B.(Brasil)

Representative honours: Victorian Mens State Team 2006 CHINA, Victoria Futsal Mens Team in the Australian Championships QLD 2006.

Outfield player you most enjoy watching in the VPL?

Gianni De Nittis / Tansel Baser/ Con Blatsis

In the world?

Ronaldinho.

Harshest keeper and team to score against?

never played against D.Anastasiadis but I think he is best keeper.

Hardest team to score against would have to be George Cross.

Occupation?

Cleaner.

Craziest team mate of all time?

Most influential coach of all time?

My dad.

Most memorable match as a player?
South 3 Heidelberg 1 in Round 14 of the VPL 2006.

As a fan? Sao Paulo F.C. 2 Barcelona 1 in the Grand Final Toyota Cup 1992.

Where were you when Australia drew 2-2 with Iran?
I have no idea...in Brasil maybe!!!

And when Australia qualified for the World Cup against Uruguay?
At Federation Square.

Predict the following results:
Australia vs Japan – 1 - 0
Australia vs Brazil – You never know??!!
Australia vs Croatia – 2 - 1

Your tip for the 2006 World Cup?
Can you guess?????

Most memorable goal you've scored?
My first goal for South...was a free kick against Frankston Pines.

Worst injury:
I Twisted my knee a few years ago, which was pretty bad and kept me out of action for a while.

Funniest moment in football?
Last game against Heidelberg, my shorts dropped as I tried to kick for goal...luckily I think nobody saw my bump.

Record number of juggles in single attempt?
Never minded counting.

Steak, chicken parma or seafood?
Chicken parma.

Chips, veggies or salad?
Veggies.

Pizza or souvlaki?
Pizza.

Favourite drink, non alcoholic and alcoholic?
7up / beer

Favourite nightspot?
Copacabana Bar

Favourite holiday destination?
Brasil.

Kitchen whiz or home handyman?
Kitchen whiz

What's in the CD player right now?
Samba off course.

Dream date?
Its real now... my fiancée.

First team-mate you'd invite to a party, and why?

Andreas Oliveira...because he likes Latin music.

On the end of season trip, the last player to shout drinks will be...
Myself

Match day superstitions or rituals?
Pray before the game in the change room.

Typical matchday meal?
Pasta and chicken.

Favorite sporting team when growing up?
Sao Paulo F.C.

What are your strengths?
With the ball...NO PANIC!!! Opa Opa!!!

What are your weaknesses?
My headers have always let me down.

Ten pin bowling or skydiving?
Skydiving

Toughest opponent?
Rod Vargas

Select a player that you play most like?
Rai (ex-Sao Paulo F.C and PSG France)

Which team do you select when playing soccer on a computer game? Brasil

What is the last soccer shirt you bought?
Sao Paulo F.C.(Brasil)

Funniest rumour you have heard about yourself?
That I had signed for Real Madrid...hahaha

Childhood soccer idol?
Rai (ex-Sao Paulo F.C. and PSG France)

Favorite former Socceroo?
Paul Trimboli.

Favorite Current Socceroo?
John Aloisi.

What song or movie to do you get inspiration from?

I Always listen to listen to samba before the game to play with joy.

Best away ground you like to visit?

Bulleen

Zebras, good

ground!!

If I didn't play football I'd play...

Futsal.



What fictional character would you most like to be; why?

Multi-men from the cartoon The Impossibles...it would be funny to play with many Fernandos!!

Hollywood is making a movie about your career. Who would you select to play you in a movie? Will Smith

Any other bits of Fernando De Moraes trivia you want us to reveal?
No I like to keep some stuff to myself.



Fernando's soccer idol Rai wearing the São Paulo top

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